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TO MY MOTHER

Foreword

WITH the completion of this volume of history, the first fifty years of Alpha Chi Omega's accomplishments are spread on the printed page. To Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, former National Council Delegate and former Atlantic Province President, goes the appreciation of the fraternity for the hours and hours of research; for the painstaking and thoughtful assembling of facts; for the beauty of language in which this volume is written. More than a year has been spent on the task and this splendid and complete work is the result. Assimilation of its contents; a deeper realization of the fineness of fraternity; a closer bond with Alpha Chi Omega; these are her hopes and mine for the readers of *Alpha Chi Omega: The First Fifty Years*.

"Hold high the torch! You did not light its glow;
'Twas given you from other hands, you know.
'Tis only yours to keep it burning bright,
Yours to pass on, when you no more need light."

ETHEL MEAD VAN AUKEN
*National President of
Alpha Chi Omega, 1928-1935*

Preface

IN 1908 the first steps in the direction of producing a history of Alpha Chi Omega were taken. The resulting volume, published in 1911, was the work of Mabel Siller Nafis, Gamma. To her goes the credit for the pioneer work which formed the basis for future and more comprehensive revisions. One who is not versed in the essentials of historic research cannot properly appreciate the enormous task which confronted Mrs. Nafis. Her excellent work was revised in 1916 and again in 1921 by Florence Armstrong, Mu. Again in 1928, a fourth volume was published, by Esther Barney Wilson, Beta, who brought the story up to date and added much new material. To these three earnest workers, I here express my debt and my appreciation.

The present volume is not a revision in the sense that material used in the previous four editions is carried over wholesale, with some additions. No single page, paragraph, or even sentence produced by any of the former writers has been woven into the present story. Knowing that it would be impossible for me to match their style, I felt that a completely fresh approach to the subject would be desirable. Sixteen months have been spent in gathering new material, searching many of the records which were the basis of the first edition, and completely reorganizing the whole. The help of the Central Office force, Mildred Blacklidge and Hannah Keenan, has been invaluable. They coöperated in every instance, spending many hours in digging statistics from the files, in sending out inquiries, and in making manuscripts from the archives available. I am deeply in their debt. Every Council member assisted with material from her files, and by answering detailed questions. Especially did the National President, Ethel Mead Van Auken, give many precious hours to supplying details and valuable suggestions from her wide fraternity experience. The four Founders, Olive Burnett Clark, Bertha Deniston Cunningham, Nelle Gamble Childe and Estelle Leonard were generous in making available their memories and material in their possession. Thanks is due also to Mary Adams, Nu, who gave me much secretarial help, and whose critical comments clarified many difficult problems of composition.

This history is written in the hope that through reading it, a greater appreciation of the value of fraternity may be gained. Many older

alumnæ have no conception of the present day scope of their organization, nor of the broad phases of life which it encompasses. Fifty years of growth and progress are herein set forth, that the alumna, each year growing farther away from her college life, as well as the pledge who is just entering it, may gain accurate knowledge of the purpose, the underlying ideals, and the real work of Alpha Chi Omega.

Fraternity has been called a dream, a whimsy; it has proved itself a living vital force. Often it falls short of the ideal, as does every human institution. Only its members can make it live and grow. May the next fifty years carry out the promise of the half century just closing and may this history contribute in some small measure to the understanding and to the fine building of Alpha Chi Omegas everywhere.

“Only the dream will last. Some distant day
The wheels will falter, and the silent sun
Will see the last beam leveled to decay,
And all man’s futile clangor spent and done.
Yet after brick and steel and stone are gone
And flesh and blood and dust, the dream lives on.”

ELIZABETH RHODES DALGLIESH

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Higher Education and Fraternities Before 1885

HIGHER education in America prior to 1800 was for the favored few, the "gentlemen" of the new-born nation. Only twenty-four colleges then existed in the United States, their enrollment but a handful of young men. The second quarter of the nineteenth century witnessed a quickening of interest in the foundation of institutions for advanced learning, an attitude of democratic idealism, and the conviction that higher education should not be left to private effort which catered to an aristocratic class. With the changes brought about by the industrial revolution, the impetus toward social reform, and the growth of national consciousness and national wealth, came interest in education spurred on by such enlightened leaders as Horace Mann, Henry Barnard and Thaddeus Stevens. The religious denominations rather than the states were most active in founding and supporting colleges. By 1860, of the 246 colleges which had been founded, only seventeen were state institutions. The majority of great state universities came as a result of the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862. The encouragement and financial support thus manifested by the federal government were accepted wholeheartedly, each state applying the proffered lands as endowment either to a pre-existent private college or state university, or to an especially created institution.

The early colleges were essentially training schools for the ministry. With the broadening concept of education, many changes in curricula were introduced, and collegiate instruction was opened to women. In 1800 no woman could enter any college in the United States. The same forces which aroused interest in higher education for men initiated the feminist movement. Women agitated for equality before the law, in educational and economic opportunity, and in the exercise of the franchise. In 1837 the first women's seminary which later became of college rank was opened at Mt. Holyoke. Even earlier, in 1833 Oberlin College opened its doors to women, beginning the "dangerous" experiment of coeducation. No state university followed this example until

1858, when the University of Iowa led the way. After the Civil War, during which many women of necessity held places formerly filled by men, colleges began to admit women more generally. The conservative East established separate institutions for their training. Vassar was opened in 1865; Wellesley and Smith within the next decade. "It is my hope," Matthew Vassar had said, "to be an instrument in the hands of Providence of founding and perpetuating an institution which shall accomplish for young women what our colleges are accomplishing for young men." The more democratic West demanded equal opportunity for its male and female children. Every state west of the Mississippi River made its university coeducational from the start except Missouri, and those east of the river did not long delay admitting women. At first few attended, for preparatory educational facilities were lacking. To meet this need, colleges in the West gave preparatory courses. Improvement in standards in the female seminaries and academies was rapid. Alice Freeman, President of Wellesley College (1881-1887), herself one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan, did much to further the cause. She assisted in the organization of preparatory schools, and established definite requirements and standards for admission to college. In the last quarter of the century, the rapid development of transportation facilities aided in the growth of colleges, and made it no longer necessary to get an education on one's doorstep. Other impediments were gradually removed. Doubts concerning the mental capacity of women were allayed; fears concerning their physical ability to withstand the rigours of higher education were proved to be unfounded. It was into this changing atmosphere that women's fraternities were born.

The social life of the universities was well organized long before 1885. Greek-letter fraternities for men had existed for a century and more. The first one of which there is record is Phi Beta Kappa, which was organized in 1776 at the College of William and Mary, second oldest educational institution in the United States. There is a tradition that the first meeting was held in the Apollo room of the Raleigh Tavern, a spot made famous by Patrick Henry, where Phi Beta Kappa anniversary meetings are held. Its original purpose was the cultivation of friendship and the appreciation of literature. In this is proved to be the model for later societies, although Phi Beta Kappa itself came to be understood as an honor organization following the founding of social Greek-letter fraternities half a century later. Election to membership



RALEIGH TAVERN, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

from the beginning has been in recognition of outstanding scholastic ability. In many universities today it is the highest honor bestowed. It remained for the later secret societies, of which more than one hundred now exist, to perpetuate the Greek ideal of friendship, and to preserve in their ritual Greek traditions and music. Thus they have carried on a function which was in the beginning an integral part of the college itself, and which has been neglected or altogether lost as the emphasis in education has swung away from the classical.

It was necessary for the early fraternities to be secret, due largely to distrust on the part of the faculty and trustees of anything initiated by the students themselves. Early American colleges were privately endowed, controlled by omnipotent groups of trustees who could not or would not see the desirability of any activity save study on the part of the undergraduates. So the new societies were for the most part *sub rosa*, until they proved their worth by contributing to the intellectual development of their members. Perhaps their greatest early contribution was the collecting of books within their clubrooms. In Provincial America free libraries supported by public funds were practically unknown. Benjamin Franklin founded a Library Association in Philadelphia as early as 1731, which was copied in several other places, but for another century no further progress was made in the direction of free

circulating libraries. The universities had meager collections of books, but these were inadequate for the use of the students, and could not be carried away from the buildings in which they were housed. The collections gathered by the fraternities were valuable, and in many cases were later given to the university libraries.

Fraternities soon came to be the most important social factor in the lives of the men. Their club rooms, and later houses, provided comfortable living quarters in selected congenial company. Their chapters spread throughout the country as fast as colleges were established. By 1870, there was no doubt that they had become an accepted and welcomed part of college life. It was natural that women should follow the model set for them by their brothers. So few were the women students at this time that organization was almost imperative. In many institutions women were admitted, it is true; but they were scarcely recognized as individuals, and their struggle for equal opportunity and social position was an important factor in motivating their first fraternities. It was felt by these early pioneering women that social organizations would form a strong bond of union and through their congenial membership attract more girls into college, and encourage them to stay until graduation. Already women's literary societies had sprung up, discussion groups like the men's debating societies. None of these however was secret, nor did any have as its purpose the preservation of Greek tradition and culture.

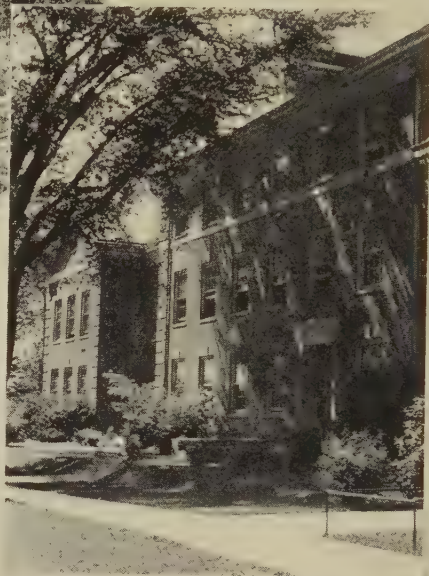
The first women's fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta, was founded, logically enough, in a college admitting both men and women on an equal basis, where the men had long been organized, and where the study of Greek was a required part of the curriculum. This was Indiana Asbury, now known as DePauw University. Fifteen years later, in 1885, Alpha Chi Omega was established in the same institution.

Alpha Chi Omega was the sixth national Greek-letter fraternity for women. Kappa Kappa Gamma had been founded at Monmouth in Illinois in the same year as Kappa Alpha Theta. In 1872, Alpha Phi at Syracuse University, and Delta Gamma at the University of Mississippi were established; Gamma Phi Beta, also at Syracuse, followed in 1874. Four other embryo societies, which later were to develop into fraternities in the true sense of the word, also had their origin in this period. Sigma Kappa was founded at Colby in 1874, but entertained no thought of being anything other than a literary society until some time later. The I. C. Sorosis had not yet become Pi Beta Phi in name

(1888) nor had it restricted its chapters to the college field. Philomathean (Phi Mu, 1904) and Adelphean (Alpha Delta Pi, 1905) were still literary societies.

By 1885 the fraternity system was ineradicably entrenched, although women's fraternities as yet had no vision of the vigor of organization and national prestige which their later years were to bring. The five national Greek-letter organizations, relatively weak though they were in number of members, compared to their present strength, had placed seventy chapters in forty-six colleges. Of these latter, but thirty-five have remained permanent fraternity fields. Expansion although rapid in these early years, was often ill advised. The fraternities which were destined to become strong later were then in a state of flux. Of twenty-four chapters which Kappa Alpha Theta founded before 1890, seven were lost. Kappa Kappa Gamma in the same period established thirty-one, only nineteen of which lived. Delta Gamma, too, was generous in her early bestowal of charters. Twelve of the twenty-one which she granted before 1890 have been withdrawn. All three of these fraternities became very conservative in extension after this early experience. Alpha Chi Omega followed their later practice, for she was extremely cautious from the first in granting charters. Although she was perhaps ultra-conservative in the beginning, yet the early years built a permanent and solid foundation for her later growth.

Alpha Chi Omega was spared the struggling years of weakness, disfavor, and uncertainty in the education of women that would have been encountered two decades earlier. She entered the college world at a time when coeducation was a rising tide. With the remarkable development of the state universities, the wide demand for higher learning, have grown social needs for women which their fraternities have attempted to meet. The modern fraternity fills a necessary and important place in college life, is a valuable aid to efficient college government, and fosters a spirit of mutual helpfulness among its members. In little more than half a century the fraternity system for women has proved its worth, justifying the early struggle. The dream of higher education for women has become a reality. Their social position on all coeducational campuses is equivalent in every way to that of the men, and their fraternal organizations have attained a place equally important with that held by the men's societies. The purpose of this volume is to show the development of Alpha Chi Omega, and the part it has played in American college life through the first fifty years of its existence.



DEPAUW CAMPUS SCENES

The Birth of the Fraternity

INDIANA Asbury University, the home of the first women's fraternity, also mothered Alpha Chi Omega. It had been established in 1837 by the Methodist Episcopal Church. It had struggled along as had all pioneer institutions, maintaining high standards of scholarship in spite of poverty and the loss of students during the Civil War. The financial crisis of 1873 worked serious hardship on the University, and during the decade following the panic it was feared every year that the doors must be closed. The endowment gifts of an alumnus, Washington DePauw, saved the institution, and in appreciation its name was changed in 1884 to DePauw University.

In 1867 the University had been made coeducational after long controversy in the church and among the townspeople. The more conservative element argued that the mental capacity and physical endurance of women were not equal to the arduous requirements of college life, and that feminine charm and domesticity would be ruined by contact with men in the class room. These and many other contentions kept the warring factions busy for seven years, and many were the fierce diatribes hurled against coeducation by pulpit and press. Finally the progressive element attained the victory, and in the fall of 1867 four young women entered the University. They were met with opposition and hostility on the part of some of the faculty and most of the student body, but they were determined to get an education. They realized the necessity of perseverance and decorous behavior if they, and other women who should follow them were to make this dangerous experiment a success. The following year others came, and by 1869 even the most hardened opponents of the system had to admit that it was working, and working without disastrous consequences. Of the first four girls who had enrolled, two were destined to become founders of the first women's Greek letter fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta. With two younger girls they organized the fraternity in 1870, modeling it upon the men's organizations which held such a firm place by this time in colleges all over the country. The new society was recognized by the men, after much jeering, and each year more young women were added to its

ranks. Five years later Kappa Kappa Gamma, which had been founded at Monmouth shortly after Kappa Alpha Theta came into existence, placed its Iota chapter on the DePauw campus. During the University's lean years no other group found its place there, although women gradually increased in number.

When DePauw lifted the heavy burden of debt from the University, several new departments were organized. One of these was the School of Music, which was placed under the direction of James Hamilton Howe, a graduate and instructor of the New England Conservatory of Music. The school was made an integral part of the University, not a separate college as is often the case today. Those enrolling were required to take courses in the College of Liberal Arts in order to obtain a degree, while students whose courses lay mainly in liberal arts frequently carried work in music as well. The new school met with immediate success. The opportunities which it offered had been desired by many students in other departments, and many new ones who were primarily interested in music as a means of livelihood, or who wished to develop their talent for personal pleasure were drawn to the school.

In the fall of 1885 Dean Howe detected among his women students who were in the majority a feeling of dissatisfaction and unrest, and shrewdly guessed that it was due to lack of social opportunity. So he conceived the idea of an organization similar to the literary societies already existing upon the campus, to which all music students who cared to become members should belong. He called together several of his students to consider this proposition. In all, he selected seven young women who were personally well known to him, and whose background he had carefully investigated, feeling that such an important step should be taken only after careful selection and forethought. Those so chosen were Anna Allen, Olive Burnett, Bertha Deniston, Amy DuBois, Nelle Gamble, Bessie Grooms and Estelle Leonard. Although they favored the Dean's idea in principle, they had difficulty in reaching a satisfactory agreement, for they felt that such a general organization would not give them the close companionship which they needed and desired. While they were debating the course to pursue, a welcome suggestion came from their friend and associate, James G. Campbell. He was an undergraduate, a member of Beta Theta Pi, who acted as librarian for the School of Music. From him came the idea that they form a fraternity. This was not at all what the Dean had in mind, but after due deliberation, he gave his consent on October

15, 1885, feeling that such a group would benefit both the students themselves and the University.

These seven young women whom the Dean had chosen had all felt the need of closer companionship, and they were all imbued with the longing to develop for themselves a place in the fraternity world. The two Greek-letter chapters then on the DePauw campus offered a great



BIRTHPLACE OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

DePauw School of Music

incentive, as did the knowledge imparted by Dean Howe of the other organizations for women at other colleges. In all, five fraternities for women had been established since 1870, and three literary societies existed which were destined later to become Greek-letter organizations. The eighty-seven chapters which they had established were widely dispersed, only nineteen colleges having more than one chapter. The individual chapters were very small. Scarcely a thousand women had been initiated in the fifteen years since the first organization was founded,

and less than half of these were undergraduates in 1885. So the need for more fraternities was very great.

Dean Howe was not himself a fraternity man, so he asked Mr. Campbell to assist the girls with the important details of organization. His help proved to be of the utmost value, for his experience cleared the way of many difficulties and the infant fraternity was spared misunderstandings and mistakes which otherwise would have handicapped it at every turn. Mr. Campbell was untiring in his efforts to give all the information he could to the group, and Dean Howe's interest and devotion never failed. The fraternity has always been grateful to these two men who so wisely guided and encouraged its founders.

The October issue of the *DePauw Monthly* for 1885 mentioned the fact that "there are rumors of a new ladies' fraternity on the campus." But that was all the information that got out, for the little band decided that it would be fully organized before making its public appearance. Meetings and frequent consultations were held in the week following the fifteenth of October, and the fraternity rapidly took form, spurred on by the eager enthusiasm of the group. The girls met in a small room just at the left of the entrance to the Music building. Half of this room was the music store, where Mr. Campbell officiated, and the other half was the library, furnished with a plain student table and wooden chairs. This was truly the birthplace of the fraternity.

The choice of a name was of course of primary importance. This occasioned much discussion, and after exhausting every combination that the members of the group could suggest, they took the Greek alphabet and cancelled every letter that was found in the names of the fraternities on the campus. From those left over, they tried to form a name. This too was unsatisfactory. Finally one of the girls suggested that since they were forming the first fraternity in the School of Music, they should use the first letter of the alphabet. This argument was convincing, so Alpha was chosen. Discussion continued until someone had the idea that they might possibly be founding the last such fraternity, so Omega seemed appropriate. This was immediately adopted, for besides being unused by any fraternity, it sounded well with Alpha, and the argument in its favor was logical. When they announced their decision to Mr. Campbell, he wrote it "Alpha Kai Omega," *kai* meaning "and." This form was used until a badge was designed, when a change had to be made.

Mr. Campbell again helped the girls when the badge was under

discussion. He made numerous drawings of badge designs, fine artistic pieces of work, for he was clever with his pencil. One which appealed to the group was a replica of a harp, which seemed in keeping with their musical interests. Yet the girls were not quite satisfied, and turned to Greek mythology for help. They found that the first instrument played by the gods was a lyre. The significance was just as appropriate as that of the harp, and the graceful outline appealed to their artistic sense. Some opposition was encountered because of the suggestive sound of the word, and the ever present fear of ridicule which permeated the minds of college women in this still uncertain period of coeducation. However, the drawings which Mr. Campbell made were so attractive that the lyre was wholeheartedly adopted. A scroll across the strings was made to bear the name of the fraternity, and this necessitated a change in the lettering to avoid crowding. The *kai* was changed to the Greek letter Chi, written X. At first it had no meaning other than "and" but it pleased the girls because of the way it made Alpha and Omega balance. When writing the name in full, the *kai* was retained for a few months, but was soon discarded entirely, since the popular way to inscribe a fraternity name was to use simply the letters. The drawings were sent to three different fraternity jewelers, and sample badges, five in number, were soon received. These were similar in design, but varied in detail according to the ideas of the manufacturers. All had a small jeweled "A" attached by a fine gold chain, as a guard. One, the only sample badge still in existence, was jeweled in flat pearls with garnets placed at the upper outer points, and in the base triangle. This was purchased by Bertha Deniston, and is still worn by her. Olive Burnett selected the all pearl badge, and one jeweled in pearls and turquoises went to Nelle Gamble. One set with chip diamonds was purchased by Leota Fuqua. The fifth had either all rubies or pearls and rubies



ONLY ORIGINAL BADGE IN
EXISTENCE

Photographed in 1886

as the jewels, and its ownership is uncertain, no record having been kept. The badge and the guard were always worn at the throat, usually fastening the collar, or placed there simply for ornament. They were of much larger size than the present day badges, and were so conspicuous that they could not possibly be overlooked. It was entirely optional whether or not a member of any fraternity owned a badge in those days, nor were there any official jewelers.

Colors, however, were a different and more important matter. Each member was recognized as belonging to a fraternity by the colors that were always worn, rather than by the badge. Ribbons, varying in length, width and position according to the prevailing style were worn by both men and women. Sometimes the girls tied two inch ribbons in great bows on their wrists. A rosette with streamers reaching to the hem of the dress might be worn on the shoulder, or bows of narrower ribbon tied through a button hole on the front of the waist, half way between the collar and the belt. The young men wore their colors in folds or neat little bows on the lapels of their coats. If a young man's enormous badge were missing, usually the colors of his lady's fraternity were pinned to his lapel along with his own. The choice of colors therefore was a vital matter for the members of the new fraternity. Two of the girls went to a local dry goods store in Greencastle, and brought back samples of every color ribbon that was in stock. These were interchanged in every possible combination, but nothing suited the girls. So they postponed their decision, still discussing the matter. The next day five of them were seated on the ground under a maple tree on the East campus, debating the problem. Olive Burnett Clark writes: "The ground was covered with leaves in their brilliant colors of Autumn, for this was a beautiful glorious October. A gentle breeze showered the leaves all about us and in our laps. We casually picked and arranged them. In a flash of concerted understanding we knew we had found our colors—colors of our October founding—the scarlet and the bronze green found in the maple leaf on a perfect Autumn day. A hurried trip to the other dry goods stores to match the bronze green in the leaf was of no avail, so we had to wait for three days until Estelle Leonard returned from her home in Indianapolis where she was successful in matching the color of the bronze green in the maple leaf she carried with her. We were happy and satisfied with the colors we had chosen—colors that blended and were in harmony with the

joy and pride in our hearts." By the time that Beta chapter was founded, the bronze green had been changed to olive, due to the difficulty of matching the former.

Of the grip, knock, and whistle, Mrs. Clark writes: "Can you imagine the number of times we clasped hands to find our grip! The number of times we knocked to find our knock, and the knock in return! The number of times we whistled our whistle and the whistle in answer! If you can imagine all this, you will know the fun, the hilarious laughter that is locked in these decisions—and the pride and happiness we feel that they are a part of the few original selections made by the founders that have not been changed."

The business of pledging new members was gone into almost at once. Each founder selected one name, which she presented to the group for approval. These were voted upon by ballot, and all were accepted. Invitations were extended to them on the last day of the fraternity's secret organization, October 23. Bertha Deniston Cunningham tells of that pledging as follows. "From my diary of October 23, 1885, I find that after chapel and practice hour Anna Ryan and I met Bessie Grooms and Ollie Burnett. Bess and Ollie had bought ribbons for our first pledged members. We pledged Leah Walker, Suda West, Ella Farthing, and Rose Meredith before lunch, and after lunch Leota Fuqua and Anna Ryan, 'and now we are after Minnie Shaffer.' After we had pledged these girls Bessie Grooms asked us if we didn't want to go buggy riding. Of course we did, and had a lovely ride out into the country. . . . When we came back, the seven founders tied great bows of ribbons on the front of our waists, and we went over to the music hall to show Dean Howe. He was so pleased he wore a small bow on the lapel of his coat, which he wore for some time in our honor. That evening we went to dinner together at the Dorm wearing the scarlet and green so gloriously. We sat at the music table, with Dean Howe at the head. Everyone was so surprised, as our plans had been kept a secret." After supper the founders went back to the School of Music to meet their pledges, and to make final arrangements to attend chapel in a body the following morning. Here Mrs. Clark takes up the story. "At last the day of days—our first public appearance! With fourteen in line we marched from the School of Music across the East campus to Meharry Hall. Just at the final clang of the college bell we marched in the Hall, up the west aisle, across the back, down the

east aisle,—rosettes and streamers of our scarlet and bronze green fluttering and bobbing from our left shoulders, amid the shouts and cheers of the students and our fellow fraternities. We took our accustomed seats assigned to the music students. The ovation from the students was heartily seconded by the faculty of the Liberal Arts and the School of Music departments. Most of all we prized the few words of recognition from the President of the University, Alexander Martin. All the



MEHARRY HALL

As it looked fifty years ago when seven Founders and seven Pledges of Alpha Chi Omega, adorned with scarlet and olive-green ribbons, filed into chapel and occupied the side seats shown at the right.

fraternities on the campus were most cordial and courteous. We had many friends in Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma who not only welcomed us in their fraternity world but gave us kindly assistance and advice. Naturally they thought of us as a 'little sister,' but their attitude of friendly consideration and unselfish recognition left no doubt in our minds of the sincerity of their welcome of another fraternity on the campus which they had occupied so long alone."

Many details of the organization had still to be completed. As yet the constitution had not been finished, and regulations concerning

eligibility to membership and initiation were still to be determined. Here Mr. Campbell was of great assistance, for he drew up a form to be followed, and advised the group on almost every section. Much time and thought had been devoted to the "object," for the seven wished to express in few words the aspirations of their fraternity. Finally they agreed that "the object of this fraternity is to attain to the highest musical culture and to cultivate those principles that embody true womanhood." In essence the object remains the same today, although it has been made more comprehensive. As expressed in the latest edition of the constitution it is "to encourage the spirit of true sisterhood, to develop through personal effort a high moral and mental standard, and to advance the appreciation of the allied arts among its members."

Much greater difficulty was encountered in deciding on a suitable motto than on an object that pleased everyone. It was not until May 24, 1887, that an agreement was reached. The minutes of that meeting record the final choice, which was "Ye Daughters of Music, Come up Higher."

In the beginning, membership was limited to students in the School of Music, but within a few months this requirement was changed to include Liberal Arts students, provided they were registered for some course in music. Thus at the very beginning the fraternity became divorced from the original concept which had been in the mind of Dean Howe, of an organization for music students only. A general fraternity it was in the beginning, as it has been at every stage of its career. Because of some misunderstanding concerning the nature of Alpha Chi Omega in its early days a statement from Dean Howe, taken from a letter written in 1916 for publication in a former edition of the *History* is here quoted.

The Alpha Chi Omega Sorority was not organized as a professional fraternity. At its organization in 1885 it was a regular university fraternity, upon the same basis as the Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and other fraternities of De Pauw University.

I was very careful that, from the first, every step should be taken in accordance with the accepted traditions and methods recognized by other fraternities. I employed a regular fraternity man, a Beta, to lay out a constitution and set of by-laws, such as were generally approved at that time.

Members from other fraternities were not invited to become members, nor did the Alpha Chi Omegas ever accept invitations from other sororities. From the first, the membership was drawn freely from the liberal arts department of the uni-

The

Alpha Kappa Chapter Fraternity
was founded at the Pioneer
University, October 15th 1883.

The Constitution was written
by James H. [unclear] and signed
by the
Charter Members

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Library of The School of Music,
The Iowa University
Iowa City, Iowa
October 15th 1883

The Board of The School of Music, which
James H. [unclear] [unclear] that a large
interest could be developed in the art
of Music, among the students of the
University, for the purpose of forming a So-
ciety for musical and social enjoyment
and to assist in the furtherance of
the cause of Art. After naming several
persons who were proposed as members,
the committee was chosen to meet and
formulate a plan for the development of
the same. The committee chosen to consult with
the Board was Misses Estella Leonard,
and Freda [unclear], Della [unclear] and
Mary [unclear]. Miss [unclear] [unclear] was
chosen President of the proposed Society
and Bertha [unclear] secretary. The
committee was ordered to meet on Mon-
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versity, the only specification being that they should in some degree be connected with the School of Music, some courses of which received liberal arts credit from the university.

The first constitution was adopted in December of 1885. It had been in effect only two months when it was rewritten to more nearly fit the growing needs of the young fraternity. This was but the beginning of a long series of changes which kept pace with the expansion and development of the young organization.

The early records of Alpha Chi Omega are rather meager. The minutes of the first years are incomplete and often omit important details which must have been discussed. Yet they give a vivid picture of some of the problems which confronted the young fraternity. All meetings were opened by a hymn and prayer, usually followed by a musical program. The first two entries in the original minute book deal with the fraternity's organization, and are signed by Bertha Deniston, the first secretary.

The Dean of the School of Music, Prof. James H. Howe . . . called together a few lady students for the purpose of forming a society for musical and social improvement and to assist in the furtherance of the cause of Art. After naming several objects which the proposed society might work for, and rehearsing their benefits, the committee was chosen to meet and formulate a plan for future development. The committee chosen to consult with the Dean was Misses Estella Leonard, Bertha Deniston, Nellie Gamble, and Amy DuBois. Miss Estella Leonard was chosen President of the proposed society and Bertha Deniston Secretary. This committee was ordered to meet on Monday evening at six o'clock. The meeting adjourned to October 22nd at eight (8) P.M. .

(October 15, 1885)

Meeting was called to order by President Estella Leonard, Misses Bertha Deniston, Amy DuBois, Nellie Gamble, and Prof. Howe being present. Since the meeting of Thursday October 15th 1885, members of the committee met together and talked over the subject of the proposed society; what it should embrace, the needs of such a society, and how the work should be carried on. It was voted that a Greek Society be formed, similar in character to the Greek Fraternities of the College of Liberal Arts. Mr. J. G. Campbell (a member of such a fraternity) was called in to give the general information in regard to the management of fraternities. Mr. Campbell was asked to formulate a constitution and by-laws for the proposed fraternity to be handed in at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered to him for this kindness. Additions were made to the list of officers; Miss Amy DuBois was elected Treasurer, Miss Nellie Gamble as corresponding secretary. The name Alpha kai Omega was presented and adopted as a motto for the proposed fraternity. The colors chosen to represent the fraternity were red and bronze green. As there was no further business requiring attention, a motion to adjourn was in order which was carried.

(October 19, 1885)

The constitution which Mr. Campbell had drafted was not finally accepted until six weeks later. At this same meeting is found the first mention of extension plans:

An irregular meeting was held and was called to order by the President. . . . The secretary then read the Constitution, which was accepted. . . . Next the *DePauw Monthly* was brought forward, and the article which appeared in regard to the Fraternity was read by the Secretary and discussed for a few minutes. Then it was decided to have it corrected in the next copy. The President next directed Miss Grooms, the Corresponding Secretary, to bring before the next meeting the letter she had been directed to write to a young lady in Kansas in regard to the starting of a Sister Chapter. . . .

(December 5, 1885)

Fraternity finance was as vital a problem in the organization's first year as it is today:

. . . The next question considered was the desirability of presenting Prof. Howe on Christmas with a photograph of the members of the fraternity. . . . All were in favor of doing so and each member was assessed 20c to cover the expense of said present; 17c each would be sufficient to pay for the picture but the money in the treasury running low, it was decided to assess the extra 3c to provide for emergencies. . . .

(December 9, 1885)

. . . A motion was put before the house in regard to the fees, the motion being that instead of each member paying five (5) cents every time they were present, the 10 cents would be doubled when they were absent; after some discussion the motion was carried. . . .

(December 16, 1885)

Two months later the fraternity dealt with such important matters as expulsion, the revision of the constitution and the initiation ceremony, and the first fraternity song:

. . . A motion was then put before the house that the meetings begin at 6:30, and if a person was late, without a reasonable excuse they would receive one tardy mark for which they would be charged 10c. Two tardy marks would cause them to be suspended for a certain length of time and with the third mark they should be expelled. This motion was carried. Next in order the President, Estella Leonard, (appointed) Suda West and Florence Thompson to rewrite the Constitution and form of Initiation and read at the next meeting. The President then appointed Miss Grooms to find out the meaning of Alpha Chi Omega. A motion was then put before the house that Florence Thompson write the words for a fraternity song, and Estella Leonard write the music. The motion was carried.

(February 5, 1886)

The use of a regular ceremony for opening chapter meetings was started in the fraternity's first year. It is interesting to note that the ceremony in use today follows the same general form:

. . . The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which a motion was made to have a regular form to begin our meetings with, the form suggested was singing, scripture reading, and prayer. The motion was carried.

(February 11, 1886)

The first fraternity songs were accepted at the next meeting:

. . . The new fraternity song which two of the members had been appointed to write was then presented and accepted. Then there arose some discussion in regard to a name for the song and was decided to call it *Alpha Prima*. Another song the words of which were written by Mr. Campbell and the music by Prof. Howe was brought forward. . . .

(February 26, 1886)

The fraternity early recognized the necessity of pledge training and the responsibility of the members to their new pledges:

. . . Then followed a discussion in regard to pledged members. Each member was admonished to pay attention to such and see that they were always in good company. . . .

(April 16, 1886)

Neglect of duty was taken seriously by the Alpha girls and served to swell the treasury:

. . . Sent report of unexcused absences and fines to Treasurer as follows. (For 3rd term).

Anna Allen	neglect of duty twice—20	.40
Ollie Burnett	3 absences—neglect of duty twice	1.00
Bertha Deniston	3 absences	.60
Ella Farthing	1 absence	.20
Bessie Grooms	Last terms assessment	.30

		\$2.50

(June 17, 1886)

Following this entry the minute book contains a report for the first year of Alpha Chi Omega:

The Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity was founded October 15th 1885, at the School of Music, Greencastle, Indiana, by Prof. James H. Howe, Dean of the School. James G. Campbell should be mentioned for the assistance given by his valuable suggestions. The object of this fraternity is as follows: To attain to the highest musical culture and to cultivate those principles that embody true womanhood. Seven

charter members were chosen *viz*: Estella Leonard, Anna M. Allen, Amy R. DuBois, Bessie Grooms, Olive Burnett, Bertha Deniston, Nellie Gamble. Twenty-three (23) meetings were held during the school year. Programmes were given at ten (10) meetings. Six were called business meetings; the remaining seven (7) were partly business meetings and some had no programmes through carelessness. The subjects discussed: Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Nillson, Lind, Patti, and several miscellaneous programs were given.

The year was a prosperous one; commencing with seven members, at the close of the year the fraternity numbered 22. But one public entertainment was given during the year a *Soirée Musicale* given in Music Hall was largely attended by the élite of the city and was a credit to the Fraternity. . . .

During the year the Fraternity had four Presidents *viz*. Estella Leonard, Leo Fuqua, Nellie Gamble, and Rose Meredith who served in the order in which they have been named.

Prof. Howe and James G. Campbell composed a song the words of the latter set to music by the former and did us the honor to dedicate it to our Fraternity. The name of the song 'Dear to Every Alpha's Heart.' A song was composed by two members of the Fraternity. Words by Florence Thompson—music by Estella Leonard. Name of the song "Alpha Prima."

The matter of extension again came before the fraternity in 1887, and definite plans were made to establish Beta chapter at Northwestern University. However, a group at Albion College was eager to affiliate with Alpha Chi Omega, so it was there that the second chapter of the fraternity was placed. The following excerpts show the development of extension plans, and the preparations made for installing the new chapter, which involved again revising the constitution:

. . . The business for the evening was to revise the Constitution and to hear the report from Mr. La Rash of Northwestern University who is willing to help us form a chapter there and who has sent us the names of several young lady music students there. Motion carried that these young ladies be written to. Also discussion of dues of new chapter and cost of charter. Suggested by Miss Jones that \$10 be fixed as the price of our charter. Motion to that effect carried. Motion that this note be put in the constitution carried. Motion carried that the \$10 go into the treasury of the Mother Chapter, subject to her judgement and inclination. Discussion of new chapter. To have a limited number of charter members or not to have a limited number. Decided to have not more than *seven* charter members. . . .

Discussion of the girls who shall be sent to represent our frat. at Evanston. Committee to prepare a charter consisted of Misses Jones and Leonard, said charter to be submitted to the criticism of the fraternity the next Friday night. . . .

(April 23, 1887)

. . . Ollie Burnett gave a report of a letter she had received from some girl in Albion, saying they would like us to form a chapter there in the next two weeks. Girls elected to go. Mary Jones elected first, Ollie Burnett and Anna Allen nom-

inated for the 2nd girl. Votes becoming confused and unsatisfactory a motion was carried to lay the matter on the table until the next meeting. . . .

(April 27, 1887)

. . . A letter read from Albion, saying they were ready for us to organize a chapter there, having five charter members waiting. Reading of the charters, two of them having been prepared; one by Miss Jones, one by Miss Leonard. No decision made. To be decided next meeting. . . .

(May 6, 1887)

. . . Reading of charter. Discussion. Moved and seconded that Miss Jones revise the charter, adding the words, 'the right to withdraw the charter.' Letter read from Albion. Motion carried that Miss Jones and Miss Allen visit Albion, Thursday, May 26, 1887. Decided to hold fraternity meeting Friday and Saturday evening next week. Misses Berry and Wilson to look at books suitable to copy the constitution into.

Miss Deniston appointed to copy the constitution; Miss Jones to copy the songs; Miss Allen to copy the music of all fraternity songs. . . .

(May 13, 1887)

. . . The fraternity resumed the revision of the Constitution, going back to Article I sec. III. Question: What shall be our Motto? Motion carried that sec. III be changed. Moved and carried that a motto be presented by a committee of three to the fraternity next Monday evening a half past six. . . . Motion carried that it shall require $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of all the chapters to withdraw a charter. Reading of the charter prepared by Miss Jones. Discussion. Motion carried that the new charter members shall pledge themselves individually to the chairman of the committee who visits them, to faithfully support their chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega. . . .

Amendment to by-law II is as follows: Officers shall be installed at the first meeting of the next term according to the form adopted Jan. 14th, 1887. . . .

(May 21, 1887)

. . . Report from Miss Burnett in regard to the Constitution book. Miss Barry bought it and Miss Burnett left it at an establishment to be stamped with A X Ω in large form.

Report from Motto committee. Miss Jones said they had not decided on any one in particular, but would suggest a few to select from as follows: "Strive for the highest." "Ye daughters of Music, come up higher!" "Musical Culture, first and last!" Discussion. Motto chosen "Ye daughters of Music, come up higher." Secretary instructed to put this motto in its proper place in the Constitution which was done. Secretary also instructed to get the Greek translation of this motto and put it and its English in the same place. . . .

Miss Deniston elected to be the second delegate on account of Miss Allen not being able to go. Miss Burnett was appointed to copy the constitution in the place of Miss Deniston. Miss Meredith appointed to copy the songs. Decided to have a meeting to look over the constitution before the girls leave. . . .

A new section was inserted after Section 5th of Article IV to this effect: 'No

member of this fraternity can sever her connection with the fraternity without an honorable dismissal or expulsion.

Motion carried that Miss Shaffer purchase $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cards to be used as Certificates of admission to our fraternity.

Motion carried that Miss Leonard make out a list of the prices of our pins and addresses of the dealers we got them from. This was done immediately. The address of the dealer we got our pins from now is P. L. Miles, Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Reading of initiation Ceremony. Motion carried that the explanation of grip knock and whistle be added to the constitution, which was done. Motion carried that the initiation ceremony be added to the Constitution.

Short discussion of the trip whether it should be extended to Evanston or limited to Albion. Misses Leonard and Burnett thought perhaps it would be as well to go to Evanston too and get the first chapter in a large college. Fraternity thought best to limit the trip to Albion. Motion carried that the price list of our pins be placed in the secretary's book. . . .

(May 24, 1887)

Two days later it was decided that the expenses of the delegates should be paid by individual assessments. Each girl was taxed \$3.85, and Dean Howe contributed \$5.00 to the fund. The two girls who went to Albion to install Beta reported the following week:

. . . Report from chairman of committee who went to Albion. Report of their expenses. Total, \$53.45. They organized a Beta chapter in Albion. Six initiated charter members. . . . Miss Jones gave a detailed account of their visit to Albion and Ann Arbor. She was charmed with our new sisters and much pleased with the ladies she met in Ann Arbor, but owing to the peculiar relation of the School of Music to the college in that place, could not under our Constitution, form a chapter. . . .

(June 4, 1887)

Interest in Northwestern was still alive, as is witnessed by an entry later in the month:

. . . A letter from Evanston was read. It expressed a hope that we would form a chapter there next year. . . .

(June 18, 1887)

Alpha early made regulations as to the qualifications necessary in order that a girl might be eligible for membership. Official certification was recognized as being desirable long before there was any Panhellenic association to enforce such requirements:

. . . Motion carried that hereafter no member be initiated without a certificate signed by the Dean of the Music School that said candidate is at least a regular Freshman in the School of Music. . . .

(February 2, 1888)

It will be noted that the term fraternity is used throughout the minutes, although Dean Howe and others sometimes refer to the organization as a "sorority." The latter word was coined for Gamma Phi Beta in 1882 when it was founded at Syracuse University. Four other members of the National Panhellenic Congress have adopted it as their official designation, but the great majority use Fraternity. It is the derivative of an abstract feminine Latin noun, *fraternitas*, meaning brotherhood, which is applied alike to men and women. During only one year was the term sorority under discussion in Alpha Chi Omega. The minutes of the convention of 1896 record a motion that was defeated that "Fraternity be used instead of Sorority" in the wording of the constitution. The convention of the following year voted the change. Oddly enough, the organization is called a fraternity time and again in the minutes of the very convention that refused to sanction the use of the word. No record is available of how sorority came to be used in the one copy of the constitution which occasioned the discussion.

CHAPTER 3

Alpha Chi Omega's Founders

THERE were seven girls and a man with vision in Greencastle in 1885—seven girls who brought to their college days all the enthusiasm and the joy of youth; a man who held the spirit of youth in his heart, and who understood its problems and needs. Three of the girls were born and reared in the sleepy old village which lay about the campus of Indiana Asbury, while the other four were drawn there from nearby towns.

Greencastle was a village of less than a thousand people, which lay among woods and green covered hills, gentle rolling country, friendly, like the people who settled there. A quaint old courthouse stood in the midst of a public square, surrounded by the business establishments of the town. Like a bit of patchwork was the village laid out, each street exactly parallel, or forming a right angle with every other. Old homes were set among beautiful shade trees, under which the children of the town played together as in one family. Strangers were almost unknown; society was a close knit unit, where the villagers were drawn together by neighborly visits, picnics, church festivals and all-day quilting parties. They shared each other's happy days, and made sorrows easier to bear by their friendship and sympathy.

Just south of the main part of the village was the campus of Indiana Asbury University, surrounded by a picket fence, reached by a bridge spanning a gully. In the center of the campus was the main college building, four stories high, surmounted by a cupola, where hung the college bell, and the old clock. Within sound of the bell lived the families of the three Greencastle girls who were to help form Alpha Chi Omega. They, perhaps more than the other four, had absorbed the atmosphere of fraternity and college life in their childhood, for their homes were always open for fraternity functions and meetings of the organizations to which their fathers and brothers and cousins belonged.

By 1885, the University had grown, had changed its name to DePauw, and had added new departments, one of which was the School of Music. From the East to direct this department came a wiry,

frisky little man, with twinkling eyes and an ever-smiling face. He had a copious mustache, which scarcely ended before it was met by another auburn growth running up and down under each ear. These side whiskers tapered to long streamers, which bobbed up and down when he talked and fluttered in the air when he walked. Usually he wore a coat of lengthy dimentions, matched by a hat of rather grand proportions. He always was seen with his cane and gloves in one hand. This was



THE DE PAUW CAMPUS IN 1885

James Hamilton Howe, Dean of the School of Music. His studio with its grand piano and piles of music, its pictures of great artists, seemed a fitting setting for this man who was always considerate and kind, yet ever firm, demanding the best that his pupils had to give. He endeared himself to all his students and to the faculty not only of the Music School, but of the Liberal Arts department as well. His was the idea which was finally transmuted into the golden dream of fraternity; his was the approbation which gave encouragement to his girls, and his was the pride which spurred them on to make of their fraternity a living bond, a vital force in their own lives, and the lives of those who were to follow. He watched over the young organization as if it were his own child; his financial aid, advice, and encouragement bridged over many trying times. The little bit of scarlet and green ribbon was never missing from the lapel of his coat. Until his

death in 1934, he was ever interested in the fraternity, and always considered every Alpha Chi Omega as a daughter.

A picture of the seven girls who worked with the Dean is difficult to draw. Half a century has passed since those young girls talked over their plans, carried their hopes and fears to the Dean, laid the foundation for the great organization which exists today. Only four of the seven remain to give of their memories and of their inspiration to the fraternity which they conceived. From these four, from the early records, and from letters have been gleaned the bits which make up the characterizations which follow. Of the three Greencastle girls, who were childhood playmates, Anna and Bess and Ollie, only the last named is left to give her recollections of the little village and DePauw.

None of them ever saw Amy again after she left college, but her memory remained ever fresh. And the other three—they have added

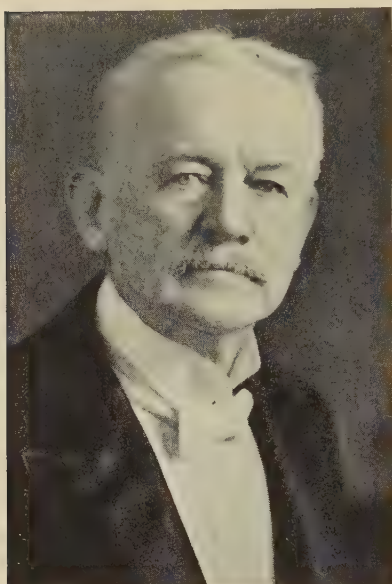
their precious memories so that all may live again their college days for the fraternity.

ANNA ALLEN

All her life Anna Allen lived in Greencastle, from her birth in 1870 to her death in 1933. Always interested in music from earliest childhood, she was the youngest student to do advanced work at the School of Music at DePauw, graduating when she was nineteen. She was a brilliant accompanist, an accomplished performer and a successful teacher in the School of Music until 1896. She and Olive Burnett were old friends, as their families had been for many years. Fun-loving, husky voiced Anna



ANNA ALLEN IN 1885



JAMES HAMILTON HOWE

knew everybody in Greencastle, and called them all friend. She married Harry M. Smith, and made her home in the town of her birth. Her home on Walnut Street has always been shared with the fraternity. The first convention was held there, when the four earliest chapters sent their delegates to carry on the work of building the fraternity. She knew intimately every girl that Alpha initiated until her death, and it was rare when she forgot a face or a name.

In Greencastle she had the affairs of the community at heart, and in her church and clubs she gave unsparingly of her time and energy. Her husband's illness for many years sapped her vitality. For years prior to her death she went about in the usual manner, serving wherever she could, never counting the tax on her own strength which was slowly undermined. She was never an invalid, but was always cheerful in spite of the fact, which she well knew, that she would never be really well again.

At three national conventions members of the fraternity had an opportunity to meet and know her, at Chicago, Mackinac, and Del Monte. Primarily, however, she was known and loved by Alpha, with whom she shared joys and sorrows, trouble and good fortune.



ANNA ALLEN SMITH

OLIVE BURNETT

On June 10, 1867, Olive Burnett was born in Greencastle. Her father was a graduate of Indiana Ashbury University, a member of Sigma Chi, and her mother was of an old pioneer family. She died when Olive was thirteen, just starting high school. When she was eighteen, she entered her father's alma mater as a pupil in the School of Music. There she studied piano, violin, 'cello, and double bass, the latter so that she could play in the orchestra. For two years she taught there, while carrying on her studies, and in her junior year, left to take a teaching position in another city.

During her first year at DePauw, "Ollie" and "Denny" grew to be very close friends, a friendship that has endured and deepened through half a century. Mrs. Cunningham writes of their common interests, and

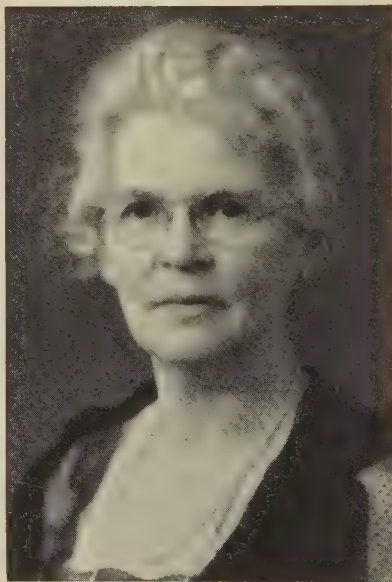


OLIVE BURNETT
IN 1885

gives the reader an impression of fun and frolic, and the gay blue-eyed young girl who was Olive Burnett. "We spent the last day and night together at the end of that first year. After dinner Ollie combed my hair so to fix it high on my head—I had always worn it until this time in one braid down my back, tied with a ribbon bow. Ollie and I went down to her house to get her evening dress. She looked so nice—she wore her *écru* wool dress—it was trimmed in lace and scarlet ribbons; the waist was laced down the front with scarlet ribbons. . . . We danced the round

waltz, Schottish, Rockaway, Ripple—all the old dances. . . ."

In 1889, Ollie married Ralph B. Clark, a business man and musician of Anderson, Indiana. Two sons and a daughter were born to them, all of whom later attended DePauw. The boys are both members of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Theta Pi, and the girl was initiated by Alpha chapter. Seven grandchildren fill a large part of Mrs. Clark's time and interest. She writes of them "Yes, seven lovely grandchildren, but they certainly can be Imps!" Mrs. Clark's interests are many. She is fond of entertaining, and likes nothing better than having her home filled with her many friends. She enjoys good books, and art in all its forms. She is most active in fraternity affairs. Her life has been a busy one, surrounded by thoughtfulness and loving consideration, which she draws to her as



OLIVE BURNETT CLARK

naturally as she gives of these qualities to her friends. Her years have passed in happiness and peace, with few disappointments and sorrows. In her eyes is a clear, farseeing look of tolerance and wisdom, and her smile warms the heart. Through the years she has ever been close to the fraternity, working always for its interests and its growth. Of Alpha Chi Omega she writes words which betray her interest and love for the fraternity better than any others: "I have found no greater happiness in my life than in Alpha Chi Omega. All I have ventured to give toward the upbuilding and uplifting of our fraternity has been from the depths of my heart, and has been repaid a thousand-fold by *my girls*. I believe fraternity life to be a vital influence for good. I believe fraternity spirit to be the Spirit of Youth, of Love, and an understanding of all things beautiful and sacred in life. This much has Alpha Chi Omega given to me; it has taught me my Faith in God, Faith in all Mankind, and Faith in my Girls everywhere."

BERTHA DENISTON

Bertha Deniston was born in Peru, Indiana, July 28, 1869. As a young girl her health was precarious, so her school days were limited. Since she was talented, her parents made an especial effort to give her a sound musical education, and arranged that she should enter the School of Music at DePauw in the fall of 1885. That spring her mother died. Her father obtained permission to bring several antiques from their home to furnish her room in the dormitory, so that the young girl might feel less lonely in her new surroundings.

Her large room was on the second floor over the parlor, and was a frequent meeting place for the members of the fraternity. It was lighted by one small coaloil lamp. All water for bathing purposes had to be carried from the rear of the hall, and sometimes even from outside the building.

Her first impression of the students around her was the display of colors they wore. The girls with great bows of light and dark blue, or black and gold ribbons tied on the front of their shirt waists, and the young men with bows of various colors on the lapels of their coats made her determined that she too should have some ribbons to wear. How-



BERTHA DENISTON
IN 1885

ever, she was soon enlightened as to their meaning, and so did not carry out her plan of buying some at the first opportunity.

As soon as she was settled in her new surroundings, she had to play for Dean Howe to determine how advanced she was. The composition chosen for this occasion was Edward MacDowell's *The Witches' Dance*. She was allowed to use her own piano, which had been placed in a room near that of the Dean. She was far advanced in her study, and

soon grew to be the envy of all the music students because of her remarkable ability to compose. She used to put older students to shame at recital time, with her calm composure and perfect rendition of her piano numbers.

"Denny" as she was called was a quiet reserved little girl, with fair skin and gray eyes. She wore her dark hair in a braid down her back, tied with a ribbon, all during her first year at DePauw. She speaks of having "Merry Widow bangs" although most of the other girls wore their hair pompadour style. In spite of the long sweeping dresses, the waists lined and boned and stayed, and the high collars, little Dennie one spring evening ran a foot race with a young man out behind the Music Hall! "Of course, he beat



BERTHA DENISTON
CUNNINGHAM

me," she writes, "but I remember that I ran so fast that I almost fell. He is today the Honorable Albert Beveridge, Sr."

She was slow of speech, but quick witted, ever ready to laugh and have a good time. In fact, her love of "going places," her eagerness to accept any pleasure that might present itself seriously interfered with her work. But she never worried about the practice she missed, or the duties she neglected. She had a huge circle of friends and admirers who loved her for her sweet disposition, her ready smile, and her calm easy-going temperament.

She has the distinction of being one of the first delegates of the

fraternity, for with Mary Jones she was sent by the chapter to Albion to install Beta.

She left college a year before graduation, to accept a position in Indianapolis, where she met and married Scoby Cunningham, Beta Theta Pi, a graduate of Indiana University. He, with two sons and an adored granddaughter share in her affections with the members of Alpha Chi Omega, in whom she has unlimited pride. Hers is the only original badge of the fraternity in existence today, being one of the five which were first made. She writes "I hardly ever had it to wear myself, always letting others wear it. Four of the first pledged members wore it for their first cabinet pictures, and the result was that one member had it when I left DePauw. I forgot to get it, and she kept it until after Beta Beta was organized. I hope to hand it down to my dear granddaughter, Carolyn Beth, who is now eleven years old."

Of Mrs. Cunningham as she is today, Olive Burnett Clark writes, "For many years she has been quite deaf; she has gradually become resigned to her fate, and has accepted it as few in this world could. Through her eyes she hears, and from others' lips she reads a little; but her affliction has imprinted on her face gentleness, patience, and a smile of ethereal sweetness."

AMY DUBOIS

Born in Nokomis, Illinois, in December, 1869, Amy Du Bois was only fifteen when she entered DePauw University. She studied both piano and voice in the School of Music, but her voice was so beautiful and powerful that she advanced rapidly in her singing, and had honors showered upon her. She was known as "the little girl with the big voice." She was selected to sing important roles several times during the one year when she was at DePauw, but all the honor and attention did not seem to spoil her in the least.

She was very tiny and slight in stature, vivacious, quick of step and action. Her hair was very dark, and she had big brown eyes that sparkled with fun and mischief most of the time. Her quiet straightforward manner and her bright disposition endeared her to her teachers and fraternity sisters, but only the latter fully knew the pranks which she could play. During the year that she



AMY DUBOIS IN 1885



AMY DUBOIS
REITH

was with her chapter, she gave much to the fraternity by her enthusiasm and fervent spirit, and her influence endured long after she had left to teach music in Kansas.

Several years later she married Julius Reith, and went to live in Nebraska, where she taught music at Doane College for four years. Later she moved with her husband and daughter to Lincoln, where for many years she kept in close touch with Xi chapter. Amy was the first of the Founders to leave the circle. She died August 12, 1915. The other Founders never saw her again after she left the School of Music, which was a bitter disappointment to them, for they loved her dearly, and never forgot her, or lost touch with her, in spite of the miles between them.

NELLE GAMBLE

Nelle Gamble was born in Martinsville, Illinois, May 12, 1867. A picture of her girlhood can best be given by quoting her own words: "I was slight of build, and in the days of long-sleeved aprons, presume I did look much as a friend of the family expressed it, 'couldn't tell whether Nelle was coming or going.' Having an elder brother and no sisters, I naturally grew into boyish ways, my greatest delight being living in trees and on the house tops. Fortunately I had a great love for dolls, and this together with gentle remonstrance from my Mother, gradually subdued the more active outdoor tendencies. At an early age I began the study of piano music of which I was very fond. As I grew older, I planned to enter Jacksonville College, but this had to be given up. Later on, through the influence of a friend, I decided on DePauw as my choice. Strange how circumstances change our lives! Had my first plan carried, I would not have had the honor of being a founder of our beloved fraternity, an event of a lifetime. Fifty years—can it be possible since a group of seven girls ushered into life so wonderful an organization! A small beginning, but loyal girls with high standards have achieved marvelous results."



NELLE GAMBLE IN 1885

Olive Burnett Clark gives her impression of Nelle Gamble as follows: "When I first saw Nelle I thought she was the loveliest girl I had ever seen in all my life. Tall, slim, and graceful, with fair hair and blue eyes—gentle in voice and manner. At first she seemed timid, but acquaintance awakened a most friendly and sweet response. She was admired by all who knew her for her fine good qualities and personal charm, and loved by all her friends with rare devotion. Nelle was in the School of Music only the year of 1885-86 but in that time advanced rapidly in her piano work because of her energetic and conscientious application to practice and study. And in the founding and organization of Alpha Chi Omega she was invaluable because of her earnest, reliable suggestions and judgment."

She married Edward W. Childe soon after she left college, and settled down in her home town to lead a life of quiet influence for good. She has been able to contribute much to the musical development of the community. The constant care of her invalid mother has kept her from participating in many of the functions and associations of the fraternity. Her children and grandchildren have been a source of great joy to Mrs. Childe.

Amateur gardening is her chief delight. She is especially interested in rose culture, and her lovely flowers make it possible for her to bring cheer and color to the lives of many who are ill and shut-in. Her whole life has been characterized by this gentle thoughtfulness for others, which is completely unselfish.



NELLE GAMBLE CHILDE

BESSIE GROOMS

Bessie Grooms was one of the three Greencastle girls among the founders. She was born there on April 28, 1866, and lived there until her marriage to Luther C. Keenan in 1895. The Grooms family lived in a big old home on the west side of the town, with trees and flowers surrounding it. The fraternity girls were always welcomed by Bess's

parents, especially by her father, who was "Daddy Grooms" to the chapter for many years. Alpha's first big party was held in this old house, and it was the scene of many later ones, as well as informal gatherings and raids on the orchard.

Bess was dainty, a fair-haired, blue-eyed girl, full of fun and sparkling humor, and gifted with a sunny disposition and winning manner which surrounded her with friends. The generous, sensitive, and kindly traits which later characterized the woman were clearly evident in her young college days. Anna Allen Smith said of her that "she was seemingly happiest in making others happy" and Olive Burnett Clark writes that "she was never so happy as when doing something for others."



BESSIE GROOMS
IN 1885

When she was a small child she began the study of music, and was an accomplished pianist by the time she entered DePauw. Near the close of her first year's work she strained

the muscles of her left hand from over practice, and was compelled to give up her study. This was a bitter blow, for it meant giving up the ambition of her life. However, it did not interfere with her interest in the fraternity, for she gave much of her time to assist with the building of Alpha Chi Omega in the early years. Nor did her interest waver after her marriage when five children came to claim her attention. Her younger daughter, Hannah, entered DePauw in 1917, and was initiated by Alpha, later serving the chapter as president. Letters which Mrs. Keenan sent to Hannah during her college days reveal the sweetness of her disposition, the deep interest which she took in the fraternity, and the generous nature which took keen pleasure in her daughter's activities and friends. On November 4, 1920, a sudden illness caused Mrs. Keenan's death. She will always be remembered for her gentleness, thoughtfulness, and the influence of her beautiful and kindly life.



BESSIE GROOMS
KEENAN

ESTELLE LEONARD

Estelle Leonard entered DePauw in 1885 with the serious purpose of learning music as a means of livelihood. It was an economic necessity which she clearly understood, so most of her time was spent in practice room or study. She had little playtime, especially since in addition to her music study she served as Dean Howe's secretary for two years. She was a tall, slim dignified young lady, with a mass of dark hair worn pompadour, and piled on top of her head. However, her looks belied her, for she was not averse to playing pranks on her friends. She roomed near Amy DuBois, and tells of having to "unscramble" her furniture, the table being upside down on the bed with one of her shoes on each leg, as a result of one of Amy's visits! In retaliation, "Stella" one night threw a sheet over Amy's transom just as she was saying her prayers, and was rewarded by several frightened yells. She



ESTELLE LEONARD
IN 1885



ESTELLE LEONARD

writes: "As I stood leaning against the door laughing heartily and 'guying' them, I suddenly received a ducking as the water pitcher was emptied over the transom. But I thought it as funny as they did, and I have been laughing now as I recall the old days." Miss Leonard tells of inviting Dean Howe to many of the group's sessions, and serving him with drinks, "which he, too late, discovered to be hot with pepper, but he was game; however, he learned to refuse our kind offers."

Miss Leonard graduated from DePauw in 1891. She was principal of the music department in Moores Hill College from 1889-93 while she was still studying at the University. After a year at the Cincinnati Col-

lege of music, again as a student, she became principal of the Piano Department in Centenary College. In 1900 she went to Union City, Indiana, where she has been most active in music ever since. She teaches a number of private piano pupils, is director of the Cecilian Choral, and organist and choir director of one of the churches of the city. She edits a music column in the *Union City Times* and reports for the paper the activities of the Cecilian Club, the church and the DePauw alumnæ association. In May of 1935 she directed "The Holy City" for Music Week, in which she always takes an active part. She is supervisor of music in the Union City public schools. Besides all this, she loves to sew, making pieced quilts and crocheting in her odd moments. Miss Leonard is distinctly modern in her ideas. She enjoys good movies, and travels by aeroplane whenever possible.

Her early years of responsibility at home, and of caring for herself developed independence, decision, and a rather bohemian attitude. Withal she has an optimistic view of life that cannot be quenched.

For the fraternity she did much in the early years to effect the practical organization that meant so much for future growth. She was Alpha's first President, and has more conventions to her credit than any other founder. She is a most interested member of Beta Beta, coming from her home several times a year to Indianapolis to attend meetings and the State luncheon.

Her interest in the fraternity grows with the years, and her enthusiasm for it is unbounded.

CHAPTER 4

Expansion

THE expansion of a fraternity is a vital matter which requires a progressive yet conservative policy, well-balanced judgment and broad loyal interest on the part of its members, especially of those in administrative offices. The expansion of Alpha Chi Omega was definitely considered when the fraternity was founded, and provision was made in the constitution for the establishment of sister chapters. A \$10 charter fee was established, and the number of members constituting a new chapter was limited to seven. The first three chapters were to be established with the consent of Alpha, and after that a two-thirds vote of all the chapters was required in order to grant a new charter. With the creation of the Grand Council, a new system was adopted.

From the time when the first organization was complete, the members of the mother chapter were alert for a good extension field. After considerable investigation Northwestern University was chosen, but other correspondence with students at Albion College soon developed to such an extent that Bertha Deniston and Mary Jones were sent there to install Beta on May 27, 1887. The two chapters then worked together. Beta reopened correspondence with Northwestern University, resulting in the establishment of Gamma on November 12, 1890, by Alta Roberts, Alpha, and Jean Whitcomb, Beta. Gamma immediately shared the work of expansion by suggesting Allegheny College as a prospective field. Mary Satterfield, Gamma, investigated the possibilities by corresponding with her cousins Zannie and Elizabeth Tate who were students there. Several months later Delta was installed by Miss Satterfield and Libbie Price, Alpha.

The next chapter proved to be far afield. Correspondence started by two Sigma Chis led to the establishment of Epsilon in 1895 at the University of Southern California. That same year one of Gamma's members went to Boston to study music, and there organized the next chapter, Zeta, at the New England Conservatory. This is the one chapter of the fraternity which is not in a college or university. Between 1893 and 1897 the constitution permitted entering any music conservatory of high standard. Had there been any tendency in the direction of

professionalism, Alpha Chi Omega might very easily have developed into a professional organization during this period. However, after Zeta was established the original ruling was reverted to, authorizing new chapters in colleges and universities only. After this change, Bucknell University was the first new field entered, the chapter being installed in 1898.

That same year Alpha Chi Omega stepped into a new phase of its life, into greater virility and power commensurate with the prestige, scholarly attainments, generous equipment and vigorous idealism of the western state universities. Henceforward for a period of more than two decades the fraternity with but few exceptions was to place chapters only in the progressive educational institutions west of the Alleghenies. Much later, in 1924, was to begin the growth in southern fields, and finally, in 1930 in Canada.

As nothing in American political history parallels the tremendous development of the Mississippi Valley and its phenomenal effects upon national life, so nothing in American educational history equals the development of the western state institutions. No chapter in the history of fraternities for women is so bright or so important as that which portrays their growth in these universities and colleges. By the time Alpha Chi Omega first entered a state university, Horace Mann's theory that the public should educate its young men and women in the same institution had been triumphantly tested. Traditions of masculine superiority and of scepticism concerning the mental capacity or the social desirability of college women had not entrenched themselves in these wideawake western institutions nearly as deeply as in the eastern men's universities. It was natural and sane in the eyes of the West to continue the social relation that existed in the public schools. The rapid improvement of transportation facilities in the last quarter of the nineteenth century removed the necessity for a young woman to study at an adjacent although inferior academy. It was no longer a hardship to travel to the seat of one's state university, nor an impossibility to go home during holidays.

Another factor which contributed to the growth of women's fraternities in the western colleges was the genuine need for them. The fraternity system had long been recognized as the basis of social life for the men. Their clubhouses were their living quarters. The pattern of their lives slipped easily into well-worn grooves. But for women there were no beaten tracks. They naturally sought out their more experi-

enced fellow-students for advice and companionship, and so selection and organization were inevitable. The benefits to be derived from group life were emphasized by the pathetic inadequacy of dormitory equipment in most institutions. Fraternity houses provided wholesome living conditions which were not obtainable in the boarding houses upon which the unorganized students had to depend for food and shelter. The students' point of view in this matter was expressed years ago by a young woman in an early issue of *The Lyre* (Vol. IX, P. 123): "The chapter house with its abundance of character developing discipline is by far the most sheltered and desirable home for girls that there is in Illinois and many of the other great universities where there are no dormitories for girls. I, who have lived in it as a sister, love it second only to my own home." Even as late as 1916 there were adequate housing facilities in dormitories for only eight and one-third per cent of the women in the following representative institutions: Syracuse, Baker, DePauw, and James Millikin Universities, Albion and Simpson Colleges, and the Universities of Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California. For example, California, with 2500 women students in 1916, had no hall of residence; Illinois, with 1200 women was planning its first dormitory to accommodate 200; Wisconsin had accommodation for 266 of its 2000 women; and Iowa, with 1000, could house 170. Of the 11,500 women registered in these institutions in 1916, residence halls were provided for only 1011.

The time was ripe in every way for Alpha Chi Omega to enter the western universities. Through the efforts of one of Beta's members living in Ann Arbor, a chapter was installed at the University of Michigan on November 19, 1898. In the following year the second state university chapter was founded at Illinois; and four years later a chapter was installed at the University of Wisconsin.

The members of these three chapters carried greatly diversified courses. The liberal arts received far greater emphasis and support than the fine arts, and less stress was laid upon music than in the earlier chapters, located in colleges more distinctly cultural than the great universities. Before 1896 at least four of the seven chapters, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, and Zeta, maintained more interest in music than in literature and science. In the next decade interest was well balanced between the liberal and fine arts, but at the close of this period the parity was merely theoretical. The tendency was unmistakably in favor of the liberal arts in every chapter except Gamma and Zeta. There was

no prejudice toward the study of music on the part of university women; but little emphasis was placed on the music departments, state appropriations being devoted to more "useful" ends.

In the convention of 1908 national action recognized that the existing conditions necessitated a change in the constitution. The percentage of members of each chapter required to carry or to have completed some music work was lowered from two-thirds to one-half. Thus convention action officially made of the fraternity what it had long been in actual fact, a liberal arts organization. In 1915, the removal of all music requirements was legislated, again in response to actual conditions existing in the educational field.

Since the early years of fraternity expansion, a marked change has made itself apparent in the development of college fraternity policy. From aloofness and an attitude of reluctance to charter new groups, fraternities have become willing to accept as many chapters as they can adequately care for. This change is general, although not universal, and may be traced to several causes. Interfraternity coöperation has grown rapidly, fostered by the National Panhellenic Congress and the Interfraternity Conference. Recurring waves of anti-fraternity agitation in state legislatures forced fraternities to seek the cause of antagonism, and to find it in the objectionable features of the old system, exclusiveness and the dangerous practices of mock initiation. The remedies, rapid expansion and careful supervision were speedily applied. The internal organization of the national groups was improved by the establishment of central offices with expert salaried officials in charge who could devote their entire time to fraternity business. Thus adequate supervision, greater service to members, an intensive study of actual educational and social conditions, and higher standards were made possible. It was realized that too small an order could not manage its affairs and supervise its personnel with a high degree of efficiency because of restrictions in numbers and equipment. The enormous increase in the number of students attending educational institutions after the war provided ample material from which to form new chapters, and created a demand for them.

The methods of expansion employed by Alpha Chi Omega are those used by the other members of the National Panhellenic Congress. College women are much the same everywhere, and their organization into groups follows the same lines. When they wish to affiliate with some national organization, they naturally think of the fraternity whose

members they happen to know, or of whom they have heard through friends. They may have access to *Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities*, from which an organization is selected which seems to conform most closely in outline to their preconceived ideal. Occasionally a local group obtains all the information it desires and then communicates with the national officers of the fraternity concerned. In such a case, the group may be definitely accepted or rejected without much ado, either before or after complete data and credentials have been submitted. Alpha Chi Omega's policy requires a very careful investigation before a definite commitment is made. If the college is on the accredited list of the National Panhellenic Congress, and if, furthermore, it meets the requirements of Alpha Chi Omega, then correspondence is begun. The group furnishes information and receives instructions from the extension chairman, and if this preliminary correspondence warrants it, an informal petition is then presented which is voted upon by the National Council. If approved, a visit of inspection follows by one of the Councillors, or a delegate. The inspector is entertained by the group for several days. She gathers information from members of the faculty, active and alumnæ petitioners, and resident alumnæ of the fraternity. She is careful to take no step which would commit the fraternity to accepting the group, and equally careful in no way to injure the chances of the local with another national fraternity should it show no promise of the kind of development required by Alpha Chi Omega. If the investigation proves satisfactory to both parties, then permission may be granted to proceed at once to a formal petition, or further time may be required to eliminate weak spots in the organization or weak members. In this case a second and perhaps a third inspection is then necessary. The formal petition must receive unanimous approval from the members of the National Council and the president of the province in which the group lies before the chapter is accepted. Charters may also be granted by a three-fourths vote of the members of a national convention. At any point in the proceedings the fraternity may reject the group, which is equally at liberty to withdraw its petition. Throughout the entire period, Alpha Chi Omega endeavors to assist its petitioners in every way possible, and to avoid all embarrassment in even a temporary relationship.

Another method is that of selecting a local group. Frequently alumnæ report that colleges hitherto not eligible to fraternities or previously well filled with chapters have become fields for expansion. These

alumnæ may gather desirable students together, suggest that they form a local group, and assist them to obtain a charter. The national fraternity maintains the same relations with the petitioners as in other cases, and is obligated in no way to accept them. Still another method in use when a fraternity wishes to enter a college where other fraternities have long been entrenched, or where no local groups have been interested in nationalization is the colonizing system. The National Council then sends one or more members of an active chapter to the university where the new chapter is desired, to build up a group that can later be chartered.

Although all National Panhellenic Congress fraternities resemble each other in essentials and seek the same ends in much the same way, occasionally a group will fit into one national organization but not into another. Fraternities are learning this fact, and gradually are finding it possible to coöperate helpfully in even as delicate and vital a matter as expansion.

Only a minimum of the requests received by Alpha Chi Omega from local groups are investigated, and many which are investigated are thereafter dropped. In practically every case where actual interest in a field is maintained it is due to alumnæ insistence and interest, and to the possibilities which the field itself presents. Almost every chapter has been added to the roll as the result of alumnæ agitation and sponsorship of some organized group. Every alumna is a potential extension chairman, for acquaintance with admired alumnæ proves to be the most potent motivating force for new groups to seek membership in the fraternity. Back of all expansion, directly or indirectly, stands the greatest asset of any fraternity, the alumnæ who have tested the immense advantages of membership, who keep alive their enthusiasm for the joys, friendships, and training of chapter life, and who have no doubts whatsoever of the superiority of their own organization.

In 1910 Alta Allen Loud, Beta, then president of the fraternity, spoke of its policy in chartering new groups in words as true today as they were twenty-five years ago. "The future will bring us more chapters. We are ambitious for no stated number. We care naught for a lengthy chapter roll, *per se*. But wherever we shall find desirable types of young womanhood, in institutions that meet our requirements we shall gladly consider them, believing in the strength of union and the desirability of a well distributed sisterhood. As our anniversary day draws near we feel very grateful to the seven women who made Alpha

Chi Omega possible for us, and we desire to develop inwardly and outwardly so as to express in the noblest sense the realization of their cherished ideals. We regard the gift of fraternity as a sacred one and mean to be unselfish in the sharing of that gift, realizing that fraternity bestows infinitely more upon any individual or group no matter how worthy than they can render the fraternity."

PETITIONING GROUPS, 1885-1935

Fields which Alpha Chi Omega has Investigated and Rejected

Akron, University of	*Florida State College for Women
Alabama Polytechnic Institute	Franklin College
Alberta, University of	George Washington University
Albright College	(2 groups)
Alfred College	Georgetown, College of
American University	Georgia, University of
*Arizona, University of	Gettysburg College
Arkansas, University of	Hollins College
Baltimore Woman's College	Howard College (thrice)
Beaver College	Hunter College (2 groups)
Bethany College	Illinois Wesleyan (2 groups)
British Columbia, University of	*Indiana, University of (2 groups)
Buchtel College	Iowa State College
Buffalo, University of	Ithaca College
*California, University of (older group)	Ithaca Conservatory
Charleston College	Kansas State Agricultural College
Chattanooga, University of	*Kansas, University of
Chicago Musical College	Kentucky, University of
Chicago, University of	Knox College
Christian College	*Lawrence College
Cincinnati College of Music	Leland Stanford
Cincinnati Conservatory of Music	Liberal Arts College of Chicago
(2 groups)	Linfield College
Coe College	Lombard College
Colorado College	Long Island University
Columbia University	Louisville, University of (twice)
Columbian University	Maine, University of
Culver-Stockton College	Manitoba, University of
Denison University	Marietta College
Denver, University of	Marquette
Des Moines College	Marshall College
*Drake University (three groups)	Mary Baldwin College
Drury Campus of Springfield	Maryland College
Emerson College of Oratory	Maryland, University of
Eastman School of Music	McGill University
Eureka College	Michigan Agricultural College

*Michigan State College	Randolph-Macon
*Michigan, University of	Rider College
Miami University	Ripon College
Milsaps College	Rollins College
*Minnesota, University of (3 groups)	St. John's College—School of Law
Mishawaka College	St. Lawrence College (2 groups)
Mississippi, University of	Saskatchewan, University of
Montana State College	Sophie Newcomb
Morningside College	South Carolina, University of
Nebraska Wesleyan (2 groups)	South Dakota, University of
Nevada, University of	Southern College
*New Hampshire, University of	(John B.) Stetson
New York Conservatories	Susquehanna University
New York Normal College	Swarthmore College
New York State College for Women	Synodical College
New York Training School for Teachers	Tennessee, University of
New York University	Toledo University
*North Dakota, University of	*Toronto, University of
Oberlin	Tulane, University of
Oglethorpe University	Tulsa, University of
Ohio Northern University	*Utah, University of (2 groups)
*Ohio State (3 groups)	*Utah State Agricultural College
Ohio University	Valparaiso University
Oklahoma Agricultural College	Wallace College
*Oregon, University of (2 groups)	West Virginia Wesleyan
Oxford, University of	*Whitman College
Pacific University	Wichita Municipal College
Pittsburgh, University of	Wichita, University of
Queens College (Canada)	Wilmington College
Queens College (South Carolina)	Wittenberg College (2 groups)
Radford College	*Wyoming, University of

* Alpha Chi Omega subsequently installed a chapter here.

Active Chapters

THE alumnae of Alpha Chi Omega are and always will be far more numerous than the undergraduate members. Yet the welfare of the latter is of paramount importance to the great majority of the fraternity. The affectionate sentiment with which an alumna regards her college or university is composed in large part of memories of her active chapter life. The associations formed in college, the friendships made between girls as they grow into young womanhood are perhaps the greatest of the many joys which fraternity life has to offer. Group living is inevitable in the modern university system. The active chapters of any fraternity offer the means for congenial grouping of young men or women whose interests coincide. Alpha Chi Omega stresses in every chapter high scholarship, loyal support of college activities, and fine social standards. These ideals cannot fail to carry over into more mature life, and give the fraternity woman a heavy responsibility. Ethel Mead Van Auken most adequately expressed this challenge to active and alumnae members alike in 1928 when she was elected National President. "Fraternity women are judged severely and critically oftentimes because their privileges have been greater. They are judged by their participation in the life of the college or community; by their loyalty to the college which made fraternity life a reality; by their appreciation of the fine and beautiful things met on life's pathway; by their lifting-up of the standards of high ideals and clean living. By the reverse as well are they condemned. However, these are the standards by which we are judged and these are the standards to which we must hold. Fraternity itself has the truth-seeking spotlight upon it. We who are a part of fraternity life insist that fraternity is a livable, workable ideal. We assure ourselves that it has proved its worth on the college campus and in the lives of its members. But again, by the actions of fraternity is fraternity judged. Let us keep it a friendly, helpful, thoughtful organization! Let us keep it true to the ideas and ideals of its beginning!"

To each of the fifty-eight chapters which form the fraternity roll in 1935, Alpha Chi Omega gives careful, painstaking supervision. An

ALPHA CHI OMEGA ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Chapter	College	Location	Installation
Alpha	DePauw University	Greencastle, Indiana	October 15, 1885
Beta	Albion College	Albion, Michigan	May 27, 1887
Gamma	Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois	November 14, 1890
Delta	Allegheny College	Meadville, Pennsylvania	January 29, 1891
Epsilon	University of Southern California	Los Angeles, California	June 16, 1895
Zeta	New England Conservatory of Music	Boston, Massachusetts	December 15, 1895
Eta	Bucknell University	Lewisburg, Pennsylvania	June 16, 1898
Theta	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Michigan	November 19, 1898
Iota	University of Illinois	Urbana, Illinois	December 8, 1899
Kappa	University of Wisconsin	Madison, Wisconsin	December 18, 1903
Lambda	Syracuse University	Syracuse, New York	December 18, 1906
Mu	Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa	May 13, 1907
Nu	University of Colorado	Boulder, Colorado	September 6, 1907
Xi	University of Nebraska	Lincoln, Nebraska	November 28, 1907
Omicron	Baker University	Baldwin, Kansas	September 17, 1908
Pi	University of California	Berkeley, California	May 7, 1909
Rho	University of Washington	Seattle, Washington	October 14, 1910
Sigma	University of Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	June 10, 1911
Tau	Brenau College	Gainesville, Georgia	November 24, 1911
Upsilon	James Millikin University	Decatur, Illinois	May 9, 1913
Phi	University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas	September 15, 1914
Chi	Oregon Agricultural College	Corvallis, Oregon	March 19, 1915
Psi	University of Oklahoma	Norman, Oklahoma	January 14, 1916
Omega	Washington State College	Pullman, Washington	September 22, 1916
Alpha Beta	Purdue University	La Fayette, Indiana	April 26, 1918
Alpha Gamma	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, New Mexico	June 6, 1918
Alpha Delta	University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	April 25, 1919
Alpha Epsilon	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	May 9, 1919
Alpha Zeta	Washington University	St. Louis, Missouri	June 8, 1920
Alpha Eta	Mount Union College	Alliance, Ohio	June 11, 1920
Alpha Iota	University of Vermont	Burlington, Vermont	June 13, 1921
Alpha Kappa	University of Oregon	Eugene, Oregon	June 22, 1921
Alpha Lambda	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota	September 30, 1921
Alpha Mu	University of Indiana	Bloomington, Indiana	April 21, 1922
Alpha Nu	University of Missouri	Columbia, Missouri	August 25, 1922
Alpha Xi	University of Montana	Missoula, Montana	May 11, 1923
Alpha Omicron	Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio	September 14, 1923
Alpha Pi	University of North Dakota	Grand Forks, North Dakota	November 10, 1923
Alpha Rho	University of Idaho	Moscow, Idaho	May 9, 1924
Alpha Sigma	Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware, Ohio	May 9, 1924
Alpha Tau	University of New Hampshire	Durham, New Hampshire	June 24, 1924
Alpha Upsilon	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Alabama	September 9, 1924
Alpha Phi	University of Texas	Austin, Texas	September 13, 1924
Alpha Chi	Butler University	Indianapolis, Ind.	February 28, 1925
Alpha Psi	University of California	Los Angeles, California	March 27, 1926
Alpha Omega	Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham, Alabama	April 9, 1926
Beta Gamma	Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	October 29, 1926
Beta Delta	William and Mary College	Williamsburg, Virginia	April 8, 1927
Beta Epsilon	Michigan State College	Lansing, Michigan	February 11, 1928
Beta Zeta	Whitman College	Walla Walla, Washington	November 9, 1928
Beta Eta	Florida State College for Women	Tallahassee, Florida	March 29, 1929
Beta Theta	Lawrence College	Appleton, Wisconsin	February 20, 1930
Beta Iota	University of Toronto	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	April 23, 1930
Beta Kappa	University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming	October 23, 1930
Beta Lambda	University of Arizona	Tucson, Arizona	October 29, 1930
Beta Mu	Pennsylvania State College	State College, Pennsylvania	April 8, 1932
Beta Nu	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	March 23, 1934
Beta Xi	Utah State Agricultural College	Logan, Utah	May 18, 1934

alumna adviser watches over each; she receives guidance and support from the Province President, who is in constant direct correspondence also with the chapter officers. Contact between the active group and the National Council is not only through the Province officers, but also by direct correspondence and annual visits of inspection. Rushing helpers, coörganizers, and other officers are sent to each chapter as the need

arises. Financial help is given from the National Endowment fund for the purchase and upkeep of chapter houses. In all things the fraternity stresses coöperation with campus authorities, conformity to college requirements, and maintenance of college standards.

In the space of one volume it is impossible to give a complete history of each chapter. An attempt is made here to sketch a picture of living conditions, local traditions and customs, and altruistic work of each group. The honors which individuals have received form far too long a list for inclusion; only the highest scholastic and activity honors are mentioned. A list of the members of Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board in the fraternity's ranks according to each chapter's records is included in the section dealing with honor awards.

Alpha Chi Omega has but one defunct chapter. Two others were inactive for a time, but were reëstablished. This record speaks well for the expansion policy and the care with which chapters have been placed in institutions of the finest rank.

ALPHA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

October 15, 1885

Alpha chapter was founded October 15, 1885, by seven girls enrolled in the DePauw School of Music. A proposition to become a part of another national fraternity was refused by the chapter in 1889, for it had already embarked on its career as mother of a new fraternity. Its early history is the history of the organization. Already two other national groups were represented on the campus, Kappa Alpha Theta, which was founded there in 1870, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, which placed a chapter there in 1875. Eight members of the National Panhellenic Congress are now at DePauw.

Alpha's total membership in June, 1935, was 701. From her ranks many national workers have been recruited. During the early years, until the establishment of the Grand Council in 1898, many of her chapter officers served as officers for the whole organization. Since the formation of the Council, Alpha has given the fraternity two national presidents, Raeburn Cowger Obenchain and Beatrice Herron Brown, who also served as National Inspector, and who since 1922 has represented the fraternity in Panhellenic matters. Mary Jones Tennant served as Vice-President and Inspector; Elma Patton Wade as *Lyre* Editor; and Mildred Blacklidge as National Secretary. Helen Woods Barnum, Pearl Armitage Jamieson, and Icy Frost Bridge have all served

as Province Presidents. Eighteen members of the chapter have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and Mortar Board has claimed fifteen since its installation at DePauw in 1919.

The chapter gives its alumnæ news of its activities through a newspaper, the *Alphalpha*, published annually since 1921. The traditional activities are a Christmas party, to which all freshmen are invited, a



ALPHA CHAPTER, CHRISTMAS, 1885

Back Row, left to right: Leota Fuqua, Anna Ryan, Bertha Deniston, Bessie Grooms, Anna Allen, Minnie Schaffer, Amy DuBois. Middle Row: Mary Jones, Rose Meredith, Estelle Leonard, Ella Farthing. Front Row: Olive Burnett, Suda West, Nelle Gamble, Leah Walker.

party given each spring by the seniors for the juniors, a Mother's Day dinner, and an alumnæ reunion banquet at the end of the year. The most outstanding pledge is presented at the time of her initiation with an Alpha Chi Omega crested ring, which she wears throughout her sophomore year. A Mothers' Club was organized in May, 1934, and promises to be of real benefit to the chapter.

Hera Day is celebrated by helping the underprivileged children of Greencastle. Gifts of clothing and food are taken to needy families, and

the children of the Orphans' Home are invited to the chapter house for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment.

The chapter completed its present house in 1925 and dedicated it to the seven Founders. This \$56,000 structure was made possible by the loyal support of alumnæ. A loan from the Endowment fund helped finance it, and the chapter is now proud of the fact that it holds complete equity in the property.

It stands at the corner of Locust and Elm streets, a lovely Old Eng-



ALPHA'S HOUSE, GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

lish house, built of brick and half-timbers, with a stone terrace at the front, and space for a formal garden at the rear. There are two lanterns at the door, like lamps at a postern gate. Perhaps the most charming room in the house is the sun porch at the south, furnished in blue with wicker furniture and gay cretonne draperies. The long drawing room is, however, the heart of the house. The coat-of-arms of Alpha Chi Omega is imbedded in the structure of the fireplace. Opening from this is the music room, attractive in gray and blue.

The Alta Allen Loud room is the gift of the fraternity to one of its greatest leaders as a small tribute to her years of service and loyalty to Alpha Chi Omega. A delightful room, complete in detail, it is always ready to quarter any visiting officer or alumna who may come to claim

is hospital. From the Chapter room in the basement, with its diving rug and upholstered waiting chairs and five panthers upon the doors of the great steel vault placed there by the national fraternity for storing its archives.

Upstairs there are twelve study rooms, each dedicated to some benefactor. Two dormitories are on the third floor and there is also a spacious study room where any girl may schedule herself for work without fear of intrusion. Chapter's quarters, bathroom, showers, laundry room, and kitchen all afford every convenience. The house accommodates thirty-two girls.



BETA ALPHA COLLEGE, ALBION, MICHIGAN

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MAY 27, 1937

Beta was established on May 27, 1887, by Mary Jones and Bessie Denison from Alpha. The Chapter held its meetings at the homes of members for more than a year, then the college permitted it to use a hall in one of the buildings. A lodge was built in 1893 on college property which was leased to the chapter for a long term of years. This is the oldest building which is owned by the fraternity.

The little brick lodge was built so substantially that the passing of time seems not to have left its marks and the exterior appears un-



BETA CHARTER MEMBERS AND INSTALLING OFFICERS

Back row, left to right: Jennie Worthington, Florine Deffendorf, Emma Crittenden. Middle row: Mary Jones, Alpha, Harriet Reynolds, Bertha Deniston, Alpha. Front row: Elizabeth Smith, Flora Aldgate.

changed even to alumnæ returning to the chapter halls after long absences.

Within the lodge, however, partitions have been removed to enlarge living and chapter rooms and modern furnishings have been substituted for those of earlier days. The appearance of the lodge is most attractive. Equipped with serving rooms and kitchen, it provides adequately for all chapter meetings and entertaining. The college authorities prohibit fraternity women from living in chapter houses and it is quite possible that Beta may never be permitted to own a house for living quarters.

Beta has initiated 486 members. It has supplied officers for almost

every Council position in the fraternity. Several early chapter officers served for the whole organization before the formation of the Council. Three National Presidents, Janette Allen Cushman, Kate Calkins Drake, and Alta Allen Loud have helped to build up the fraternity. Nella Ramsdell Fall served as National Inspector and as Panhellenic Delegate, and also helped to write the initiation ritual. Esther Barney Wilson first did national work as a Province President, then as Treasurer, and finally wrote the 1928 edition of the *History*. The position of Council Delegate was held for two years by Lou Babcock, who then became National Vice-President. She later took over the chairmanship of the Reserve fund, and of the committee on award of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship. Province offices have been filled by Myrtle Hartswell Bowman Roberts, Dorothy Cushman Fess, and Ada Dickie Hamblen.

Albion has no chapter of either Phi Beta Kappa or Mortar Board, but their counterparts, Phi Gamma and Chevron, have enrolled many members of Beta. Thirteen have been elected to the former and ten to the latter.

The chapter honors its most outstanding senior by presenting her with a cap and gown to wear during the weeks preceding commencement. The most worthy pledge is given a piece of crested jewelry at the time of her initiation. One of the best loved traditions of the chapter is the May Day breakfast. The girls with their "dates" go up the river in canoes or afoot, and cook breakfast, spending the morning in games and sports. On Mother's Day the chapter gives a dinner at the lodge, and sends greeting cards to all mothers who are not able to be present. Usually in the spring, Beta gives a short musical comedy or concert in the College chapel.

The chapter serves the community on Hera Day by entertaining poor children at the Lodge, and by giving them donations of clothing and other useful articles.

GAMMA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

November 14, 1890

Alta Roberts, Alpha, and Jean Whitcomb, Beta, installed Gamma chapter on November 14, 1890. As in the case of both of the older chapters, Gamma's charter members numbered seven.

The formal vows were given to six of the group in a body, and to

the seventh who was ill, later in the day. Only five of the girls were taken that night through the "nonsense" ceremony which was then in vogue, the other two being initiated two days later. A formal banquet concluded the installation events. Alpha Chi Omega was the sixth of the eighteen national chapters now on the Northwestern campus. Five hundred and seventy-nine members have been initiated. Gamma has



GAMMA CHARTER MEMBERS

Back row, left to right: Mae Burdick, Mary Satterfield, Mary Stanford. Front row: Mary Walker, Elizabeth Stine, Jeanette Marshall, Lula Platt.

given the fraternity several national officers. Mabel Siller Nafis held the office of National Secretary and compiled all the material for the first history of the fraternity; Myrtle McKean Dennis was Treasurer and later Inspector; Mabel Dunn Madson was one of the earlier historians; Helen Hardie Grant was the second member of the chapter to fill the secretary's post; and Martha Yule Bennett served as Province President.

The chapter goes on Hera Day to the Old Folks' Home, entertaining the members with songs and dramatic skits. Its traditions include carol singing in the chapter house at Christmas time, a slumber party for pledges, a senior breakfast, and a senior dinner in the spring. The pledge having the highest scholarship is presented with her badge at the time of initiation, and the senior who has done most for the chapter

has her name enrolled upon a plaque in the chapter room. A loving cup bears the name of the girl whose scholarship is highest each year. The chapter claims four Phi Beta Kappas, and six members of Mortar Board.

Gamma has been greatly benefited by having a Mothers' Club, organized in 1925. This has a membership of about thirty-five, all of whom are interested in the welfare of the group. Linens and other needed household articles have been given by the club to the chapter from time to time.



GAMMA'S HOUSE, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

The chapter house is unique in its location and financing. When the University authorities decided to permit residences for fraternity women it was arranged that the chapters desiring homes should apply the funds and the University should build on its own ground. Two quadrangles, housing fourteen fraternities, were opened in the fall of 1927; the houses are made of gray stone and are practically uniform in exterior design. The Alpha Chi Omega house, one unit of the first quadrangle, has a raised grass and stone terrace to which glass doors open from the living room.

On the first floor the living room, library, and dining room are connected by archways so that the whole area can be used for parties and entertaining. The fraternity room is in the basement with its corner

fireplace and floor of tiles, thus completing the fireproof plan existing throughout the building. It is a delightful center in which to gather. A chapter office adds to the efficiency of the administration.

There are rooms for thirty girls, a guest suite, a hostess suite, and servants' quarters; the bedrooms are all comfortably large and are provided with wardrobes instead of closets, one for each girl. A valet room on the second floor, a clothes chute, an incinerator, and heat supplied from the university plant are added items of interest.

The house was built at a cost of \$80,000 and more than \$12,000 additional was spent in furnishings. One-fourth of the cost of the house was paid to the university at the time ground was broken for the buildings; the university assumed the remaining indebtedness and paid the architect's and engineer's fees, arranging to receive a payment of \$1,000 from the chapter each year.

DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

January 29, 1891

On January 29, 1891, Mary Satterfield, Gamma, and Libbie Price, Alpha, installed Delta chapter. Chapter house ownership is not permitted for women at Allegheny, so for the first two years meetings were



DELTA CHARTER MEMBERS

Back row, left to right: Ruby Krick, Fern Pickard, Elizabeth Tate. Middle row: Etta May Tinker. Front row: Antoinette Snyder, Zannie Tate, Ella Bredin.

held in a small room in the conservatory, after which the entire third floor of the same building was secured by the chapter. In 1908 having met in several places, the chapter came to occupy its present suite in Hulings Hall.

The rooms overlook one of the most beautiful of the campus scenes, the site of the famed old rustic bridge, and the ravine. The windows



DELTA'S CHAPTER ROOM, HULINGS HALL
MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

which frame this lovely picture also admit much light and sunshine, and even on the dulllest days the rooms are bright and cheery.

The living room is furnished with easy chairs, couches, tables, a grand piano, and a radio. The floors are covered only by Persian scatter rugs, which together with the pink and green cretonne furniture covers, add a gay and colorful note. This is the scene of the numerous teas and of all the chapter meetings.

The kitchen is a realm of spotless cream and green. Every need for

culinary endeavor is supplied. The latest addition to the room is a new gas range, which is green in harmony with the other furnishings.

Delta shared general fraternity offices with the three older chapters until the establishment of the Council. Since that time, Florence Harper and Gertrude Ogden O'Neal have been National Treasurers. Alta Moyer Leberman, Edith Steffener, and Bertha Sackett Haines have held office as Secretary. Mrs. Haines also was Vice-President as was Fay Barnaby Kent, who helped to give the fraternity its initiation ritual. Grace Hammond Holmes was the first Atlantic Province President. In all, Delta has initiated 383 members, of whom thirteen have been elected to the senior honor society, Cwens, and fourteen to Phi Beta Kappa.

The chapter traditionally celebrates Hera Day by taking the orphans from the home in Meadville to a motion picture, and then giving them ice cream. Three dances are given during the school year, the first for the pledges, who are also entertained overnight immediately following initiation, and who attend church the next morning in a body with the rest of the chapter. The pledges give a tea for the other pledges on the campus each fall. Once a month the chapter serves supper in its suite, the four classes having charge in turn.

EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

June 16, 1895

Epsilon chapter was established June 16, 1895, as a result of the efforts of two Sigma Chis. They recommended the university as a promising field for a chapter and advised the members of a local club how to organize and petition. After 1898 the university had grave financial difficulties. Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta withdrew their charters. Epsilon, after initiating fourteen members in the first three years, became dormant until 1905. In October of that year several students who were eager to form a fraternity chapter consulted Dean Skeelee, who advised them to interview Louise Davis Van Cleve. The Dean knew that the Alpha Chi Omega members had been holding meetings all this time which had kept them together. An investigation by the Grand Council followed, and the chapter was reestablished October 30, 1905, by Mrs. Van Cleve and six other alumnæ.

The chapter has initiated 382. In spite of the fact that the greater part of the membership is drawn from the city, Epsilon leased a chapter house as early as 1909. It still lives in a rented house, since the cost of

real estate is exorbitant in Los Angeles, and since there is no designated fraternity row as yet established. The building fund is steadily increasing, at present totaling \$8,500. The house in which the chapter now lives is often referred to as "the best-looking house on Twenty-Eighth street." The other fraternities inhabit mansions of the type lived



EPSILON CHARTER MEMBERS

*Front row, left to right: Nellie Green, Alice Mann, *Flora Parker, *Cornelia Keep, and Ora Millard. Back row: *Lulu Johns, Margaret Cook, Etha Kepner, and *N. Louise Davis. Note: (*) indicates charter members of Epsilon. The others are those who were the first initiates in the fall of 1895. Bertie Phelps, who was also a charter member, is not pictured.*

in during the "gay 90's," but Epsilon rents a more modern house of the Mediterranean type.

From a spacious hall, glass doors open into a beautiful patio with an abundance of shrubbery, flowers, and trees. The library and trophy room holds the interest of all because of its secret passage behind the moving book shelves. Next to the library is a most comfortable living room which is appropriately furnished. To the right of the hall is a large dining room and a well equipped kitchen and pantry. The ground floor also includes the housemother's suite; a bedroom, an office and a bath.

The second floor bedrooms have recently been painted and rede-



EPSILON'S HOUSE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

orated. Each one carries its own color scheme, but they are uniform in their attractive cream colored furniture, chintz drapes, candlewick spreads, and carpeted floors. Fourteen girls are comfortably accommodated.

The chapter has been indeed fortunate in its Mothers' Club, which was organized in 1922. It has given wholeheartedly of its time and energy to the chapter, and much of the atmosphere of home which permeates the chapter house is due to the contribution which the mothers have made. A fine spirit of friendship and coöperation exists within the group itself, apart from its interest in the chapter.

Epsilon has been honored by the election of six of its members to Phi Beta Kappa. Mortar Board, since its installation in 1929, has chosen one girl each year from the chapter. Within the group, recognition is given the girls having the best scholarship and showing the greatest improvement by the award of a cup and a plaque to the pledges, and engraving the name of the highest active upon a chapter trophy cup.

A senior banquet, Fathers' banquet, and an alumnæ reunion dinner are traditional events of the year, as is also a Christmas pasty when the chapter house is made richer by gifts from both alumnæ and active





members. Hera Day is likewise celebrated in the same manner each year, when the chapter visits the Lark Ellen Home for Boys, entertaining the children, and taking them toys and refreshments. It is particularly fitting that the chapter should select this project, since the home was founded by one of Epsilon's own members, Ellen Beach Yaw, the singer. An annual contribution is also given toward the upkeep of the Alpha Chi Omega cradle in the Children's Hospital.

ZETA, NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 15, 1895

Zeta was installed December 15, 1895. The charter was obtained through the efforts of Barbara Strickler, Gamma, who was studying in



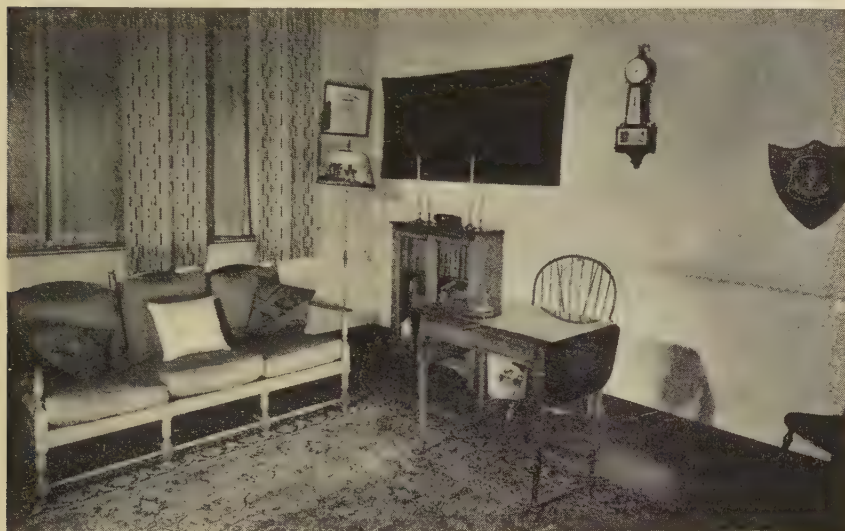
ZETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Maude Collins, Elsbeth Mayo, Stella McFarlane, Agnes Snyder, Mary Patterson, Alice Parker, Jessie Wood, Bertha Buchanan,* Alma Cleveland, Elizabeth Egelston, Elsie Ellis,* Edith Manchester. Note: (*) indicates charter members. Nell Evans, Helen Laflin, Susan Lewis and Belle Sigourney are also charter members who are not pictured.*

the Conservatory at that time, and of Belle Sigourney. The installing delegates were Mary Janet Wilson and Mildred Rutledge, both of Alpha.

Zeta has given the fraternity two National Presidents, Evangeline Bridge Stevenson and Gladys Livingston Graff; two National Editors, Edith Manchester Griffin and Florence Reed Haseltine; three Treasurers, Ethel Egleston Clark, Laura Howe, and Winifred Van Buskirk Newby; a Vice-President, Spicie Belle South Chaffee; and three Province Presidents, Anne Woods McLeary, Mima Montgomery Nickel, and Gladys Livingston Graff.

Hera Day is observed in the same way every year by Zeta. Each girl



ZETA'S CHAPTER ROOM, NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

does entertaining at the Home for Aged Men and Women, at the Children's Hospital, at the Seaman's Friend Society, or at the North Bennett Street Settlement House. Usually two or more girls go together. With Mu Phi Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Iota, the chapter gives a Christmas party each year for poor children from a neighboring grammar school.

In 1935 Zeta had initiated 377 members. Her membership is remarkably cosmopolitan, being drawn from all sections of America. Eleven girls have been elected to Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary scholastic fraternity. Five of her members—Sara Helen Littlejohn Torbert, Martha Baird Allen, Naomi Bevard Orth, Alice Rathbun Sweet, and Ruth

Culbertson have won the greatest honor in the Conservatory, the award of the Mason Hamlin grand piano in a competitive concert. Many distinguished musicians have come from Zeta's ranks. She is proud to claim Marion Nevins MacDowell, wife of Edward MacDowell, and herself a musician of note, who has contributed so much to the advancement of art in founding the MacDowell colony at Peterboro, New Hampshire.

Although Zeta is the only chapter which is distinctly musical, her interests are unified with those of the other chapters in a truly fraternal spirit. She owns one share of stock in the National Panhellenic House corporation. The chapter was also one of the pioneers with scholarships for children, having sponsored a girl through four years of training for a teacher's diploma in the New England Conservatory of Music.

The Conservatory requires all women students who are not residents of the immediate vicinity to live in the dormitory. Zeta therefore maintains no house, but meets in a chapter room in the Conservatory. This is a cozy and attractive apartment, furnished from the chapter's building fund. A beautiful oriental rug covers the floor, its soft reds and greens being carried out in the draperies and upholstery. The early American maple furniture is most attractive. Pictures of the artists whom Zeta has produced line the walls, along with a fraternity banner and the coat-of-arms. Zeta's most cherished recent acquisition is a fine picture of Estelle McFarlane Dunkle, who acted as the chapter's beloved adviser for many years.

ETA, BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

June 16, 1898

Mildred Rutledge, Alpha, installed Eta chapter on June 16, 1898. Unfortunately a faculty ruling was passed requiring sophomore pledging immediately after the chapter was established. It was neither old enough nor strong enough to meet this handicap, so became inactive in June, 1899. The charter was not withdrawn until five years later, in the hope that the chapter might be revived. The National Council did not lose contact with the university, but it was not until 1920 that correspondence with the surviving members of the original group, and with the dean of women resulted in several visits of inspection, and petitions from two local organizations. A charter was granted the stronger of the two, and the chapter reestablished April 1, 1921.

No chapter houses are permitted the women at Bucknell. Each fra-



ETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter members pictured are Belle Bartol, left, Mary Frances Wood, second from left, and Amy Gilbert, third from right. Ida List and Jessie Steiner, charter members, are not pictured.



ETA'S CHAPTER ROOM, HUNT HALL, LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

ternity occupies a suite in one of the dormitories, in reality a chapter room, with all members of the group living in the same wing. Eta's suite is in Hunt Hall, the newest dormitory. The chapter room is furnished in rust and green, a solid dark green rug acting as a soft background for the easy chairs and lamps which carry out the motif in lighter shades. A combination radio-victrola stands in one corner, and aids materially in rushing activities, as well as furnishing pleasure throughout the year. Many cups and plaques are kept here, which the chapter has won for fine scholarship and activity participation. The room is in constant use, serving as a center of all the chapter's gatherings, and as a study hall as well. Each Christmas new furnishings are added at a party which is given for alumnae as well as undergraduates. The patronesses, prominent women in Lewisburg who are interested in the chapter, also give the group many lovely gifts.

Eta's chief social event is the Symposium, to which many alumnae return. At this time the honor awards of the chapter are made, a bracelet to the freshman who has done the most for the chapter, a similar award in the junior class, and a scholarship cup to the highest ranking freshman. Founders' Day is celebrated by a banquet, and Mother's Day by a breakfast. Each year there is a traditional Court Party, held the last day of rushing, which has always proved to be most successful. The chapter's method of recognizing Hera Day is also traditional. There is a meeting held in the suite, at which some part of the history is read, and at which the chapter sews. Layettes are made and sent to the Heartsease Home for unmarried mothers in New York City. The chapter also takes flowers to shut-ins on that day. The chapter has initiated 164 members.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

November 19, 1898

Theta chapter was installed November 19, 1898, through the influence of Hortense Osmun Miller, Beta, a resident of Ann Arbor. The installing delegates were Ethel Calkins, Jennie Dickinson, and Mrs. Miller, assisted by Ada Dickie, Lina Baum, and Kate Calkins, all of Beta chapter.

In the fall of 1899 Theta occupied her first house. Several others were rented before the present house was built in 1916, at a cost of \$28,500. It is English in type built of buff stonekoke with crushed marble pebbledash. Its bottle green roof, red brick chimneys, and white casements add much to its attractive appearance.

On the first floor the large drawing room and dining room are connected by the main hall, affording unusual freedom in entertaining. Fourteen bedrooms, a chaperon's room and private bath, and bathrooms, linen and trunk rooms make up the second and third floors. A large chapter room is in the basement as are also servants quarters and storage rooms. Among the conveniences of the house are a vacuum system throughout for cleaning, a dumb waiter lift to move trunks, vapor system for heating and call bells for each floor. The house accommodates twenty-six girls.

The major part of the necessary capital for financing the house was borrowed from a local bank with a first mortgage as security; the remaining capital was raised by selling house bonds among the alumnae, these bonds being in reality second mortgage notes for fifty dollars or multiples thereof and bearing six per cent interest.

Theta served as a pioneer in Alpha Chi Omega house ownership and the experience gained served to encourage and direct other chapters.

Out of Theta's 487 members, twenty have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and eight to Mortar Board. The chapter encourages scholarship and activity participation by awarding a ring to the most outstanding pledge, a bracelet in the sophomore class, and a cup in the senior class. The chapter has been well represented in national fraternity affairs. Five Province Presidents have been drawn from the ranks, Marguerite Clark Miller, Barbara Wild Whittaker, Anne Franklin Goodyear, Hor-



THETA CHARTER MEMBERS

(1) Rachel McKenzie, (2) Alberta Daniel, (3) Winifred Bartholomew, (4) Florence Spence, (5) Flora Koch, (6) Lydia Condon, (7) Virginia Fisk.

tense Miller Adams, and Laura Craft Reed. Four Secretaries have come from Theta, Virginia Fisk Green and Marcia Clark Howell, each of whom served also as Vice-President, Hazel Eckhart, also Editor, and Isabel Hardie Dalton. Winifred Bartholomew Carr and Maud Staiger Steiner likewise held office as Vice-President.

Theta holds an annual Christmas party at which active members, alumnæ, and children of alumnæ are present. All dress as children and



THETA'S HOUSE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

each receives a gift from the Christmas tree. One or more children of a poor family are clothed by the girls and share the good time of the evening. A senior breakfast is held each year and serves almost as a reunion between alumnæ and active members. Songs are sung and the breakfast is cooked over a great bonfire. The seniors present the house with a gift.

The alumnæ of Ann Arbor entertain the chapter each year at a picnic in the spring. Three dances are held during the year, one for the pledges in the fall, another which the pledges give the active chapter in early spring, and the last given by the entire group just before commencement. Hera Day is usually celebrated by going to the hospital and entertaining. One year the chapter bought tickets for a

children's play and distributed them among a large group of poor children.

IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA, ILLINOIS

December 8, 1899

On December 7, 1899 five delegates from Alpha—Wilhelmina Lank, Raeburn Cowger, Gertude Wamsley, Claudie Hill, and Mary Janet Wilson, came from DePauw to install a new chapter at the University of Illinois. A reception was held for them at the house of Charlotte Draper, whose father was president of the University. The next night installation was held.

Iota first occupied a chapter house in 1902 and after several moves built a new house in 1917 on a beautiful corner location just across the street from the campus. This was occupied until 1931 when the present southern colonial house was completed. A circular brick walk leads up to the red brick, white pillared house. A low hall separates the li-



IOTA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row: Emma Fuller, Edna Collins. Middle row: Alison Fernie, Eunice Dean Daniels. Bottom row: Clara Gere, Charlotte Draper, Kate Neil Kinley.

brary and the drawing room. Opening from the latter is the music room with the dining room on the left and the sunroom directly ahead. Two doors lead from the sunroom to the open porch and the terraced lawn.

The inlaid floors of the house are partially covered by a maroon rug in the library and blue rugs in the drawing room and music room. On either side of the fireplace in the library are two deep cushioned brocaded chairs. A matching settee and a maroon davenport help make the room cozy. The drawing room has a rust colored davenport, chairs in blending shades and two small colonial tables. The main feature of the music room is a new Steinway grand piano, which was

recently purchased. The floor of the sunroom is composition in two shades of grey and the walls of the room are brick. The davenport and chairs are red. The dining room is in black walnut.

For a number of years the chapter published a newspaper called the *Eyeota* which bore the words "Published as best we can whenever we can." Its purpose was to acquaint the alumnæ with what the chapter



IOTA'S HOUSE, URBANA, ILLINOIS

was doing and the "only subscription price" was "the interest and loyalty of the alumnæ."

Among the big events of the year are a Halloween party, Christmas party, and senior breakfast. On Hera Day the chapter gives clothes to the Orphans' home in Urbana. The Mothers' Club, organized in 1930, sews for the house, and is a constant source of backing for the chapter.

National workers who are alumnæ of Iota chapter are Elizabeth Dunn Prins who served as National President; Gretchen Gooch Troster, National Treasurer and National Inspector; Frank Busey Soule, Imo Baker and Helen Wright, National Secretaries; and Erna Goldschmidt, Frances Kirkwood, and Frances Marks Uncapher, Province Presidents.

From Iota fourteen have been elected to Mortar Board and eight to Phi Beta Kappa. Iota has initiated 426 members.

KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WISCONSIN

December 18, 1903

Kappa chapter was established December 18, 1903, by Mabel Dunn, Gamma. The chapter held its meetings at the homes of members until the fall of 1907 when it moved into its first fraternity house. In 1916 it purchased a home with grounds extending to the shores of the



KAPPA'S HOUSE, MADISON, WISCONSIN

lake. Ten years later the house was moved back and a new one was built on the same beautiful site. It is a luxurious Colonial home tastefully and completely furnished. With its property valuation of \$95,000 it is the most expensive on the list of Alpha Chi Omega houses. Kappa's indebtedness is covered by first and second mortgages which are being paid off by the monthly rental received from the active chapter.

The favorite room in the house is the library. Its walls are lined with books in open built-in cases and there are bright overstuffed chairs and a large davenport. The large fireplace is in constant use during the winter months and it is in this room that Kappa's many cups and trophies are kept. There is ample accommodation for thirty-two girls in the house.

In 1912 Kappa was hostess to the national convention. From the 395 initiated members, the fraternity has drawn one of its Treasurers, Lillian Zimmerman who was also Alumnæ Vice-President; an Inspector, Louise Ludlum Baker; and a Secretary, Mildred Blackledge, also of Alpha. Louise Hudson Schultz has served as Province President. Nine have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and six to Mortar Board.

The chapter has no traditional way of celebrating Hera Day. Scrap books for crippled children, wearing apparel for a university girl, or some other form of endeavor is undertaken to bring cheer to some unfortunate.

Kappa is a very social chapter. A Christmas formal dance is one



KAPPA CHARTER MEMBERS

Early members of Kappa, including the six charter members, Elizabeth Patten, Edna Swenson, Leora Fryette, Julia McGrew, Elizabeth Davis, and Esther Concklin.

of the most outstanding parties of the year. The gifts which are placed on the tree are turned over to some charitable organization the following day. A faculty tea is held in the spring each year, to which each member of the chapter invites two guests. Open house is held shortly after pledging in honor of the new members, who are also given a tea by the active chapter. A banquet for alumnæ is held at homecoming weekend, and a banquet for seniors closes the year. A unique custom at Kappa is the chapter's party for the hostess, to which she invites her own guests, and entertains in any manner that she chooses. The girls carry out all arrangements for her, and serve at this party.

The freshman having the highest average is given her badge at the time of initiation and the senior who is most outstanding in scholarship, character and fraternity work has her name placed on a plaque presented to the chapter by Eta Eta.

LAMBDA, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

December 18, 1906

Lambda was installed December 18, 1906 by Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector. The first chapter house was occupied by Lambda in 1907. The chapter continued to live in rented homes until 1916 when the



LAMBDA'S HOUSE, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

plans of many months bore fruit in the purchase of a chapter house under the supervision of the National Council and with the organized help of the alumnæ association. Situated on College Place facing the campus in one of the most beautiful sections of Syracuse, it is very convenient to the college buildings and although not built for a fraternity house it has been admirably adapted to the needs of the chapter.

The house is a three-story building of stucco of Elizabethan design. Well-planned grounds lie between it and the street, and a wide porch on the side overlooks the front lawn and the gardens and pergola in

the rear. Window boxes, lattice work, and growing vines add a decorative touch to the exterior, and quaint stepping-stones along a raised terrace faced with brick lead the way to the porch from the front entrance. On the first floor is a long hall from which one may enter all the rooms of the lower floor. To the left is the reception room with its dainty cream-tinted woodwork and its exquisite fireplace built of mosaics of Caen marble. Opposite this room, on the other side of



LAMBDA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row: Olive C. Morris, Nellie R. Minott, Adelaide J. Durston. Second row: Frances L. Waldo, Jessie B. Lansing.

the hall, is the long living room. French doors lead from this room to the porch at the side, and another beautiful fireplace, modeled after a fireplace in Canterbury Cathedral, is the most attractive feature of the room. The living room as well as the library adjoining it is finished in mahogany. In the library, book cases line the walls. They are fitted with leaded glass doors, each one of which bears a different facsimile in colored glass of an old English bookplate. The large dining room at the end of the hall has a very pretty conservatory with walls and floors of mosaics of terra cotta. In the basement is a beautiful chapter room, furnished in oak, with an attractive fireplace and a huge drop-light of Tiffany blend glass and hammered brass.

At the curve of the stairs leading to the second floor, the motif of

the house is again expressed in the stained glass window, with its pictured representation of St. George and the dragon. On the second floor are rooms for the girls, and the chaperon's room with its private entrance, porch and bath. On the third floor are more bedrooms, the house accommodating twenty girls altogether.

Many new furnishings have been purchased in the last few years. The chapter room was recently refurnished and dedicated to the memory of Mary Emma Griffith Marshall who was so widely loved in both local chapter and national fraternity circles.

Mrs. Marshall served the fraternity as National Secretary and Secretary-Editor for a decade. Under her régime the Central Office of the fraternity had its inception, and it was she who laid the foundation of the present highly centralized organization. Myra H. Jones served as National Treasurer and Alumnæ Vice-President, and for a brief period filled the vacant office of President. The officer who has given the longest service to the fraternity from Lambda is Ethel Mead Van Auken, who served as Atlantic Province President, Council Delegate, National Inspector, and finally, National President.

Six of Lambda's 325 members have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and thirty-one have been taken into the senior honorary society, Eta Pi Epsilon. This is a greater number than has been so honored in any other chapter of the fraternity.

The chapter has observed Hera Day in a number of ways. A party at the chapter house for children from the Orphans's home, or from the State Institution for the Feeble Minded was the custom for many years. More recently, the chapter has folded bandages for the Memorial Hospital.

Traditional customs include a Mother's Day tea to which the Mothers' Club, which was organized in 1932, is invited; carol singing by the pledges on the Sunday morning before Christmas, followed by breakfast which is served by the seniors; and four stunt nights each year, one for each class. At the end of the first semester a crested ring is given to the freshman with the highest average.

MU, SIMPSON COLLEGE, INDIANOLA, IOWA

May 13, 1907

Alpha Alpha Gamma was organized in October, 1905. After petitioning Alpha Chi Omega it was installed as Mu chapter May 13, 1907 by Alta Allen Loud, Beta, Grand President; Marcia Clark Howell, Theta, Grand Vice-President; and Elizabeth Patrick, Gamma.



MU CHARTER MEMBERS

From left to right: Lora Hagler, Nell Harris, Ethel MacFadon, Carrie MacFadon, Fern Ogg (one of the first pledges of the chapter), Lena Dalrymple, Myrtle Bussey, Effie Silliman, Florence Armstrong, Emma Brown, Ellen Convey, Bessie Reed, Lois Smith, Mayme Silliman, Ada Schimelfenig, Margaret Schimelfenig, charter members, not pictured.

The chapter has contributed four officers to the fraternity: Nell E. Harris, business manager of the *Lyre*; Florence A. Armstrong, National Editor and author of three editions of the *History*; Lois Smith Crann, National Inspector and chairman of National Panhellenic Congress; and June Hamilton Rhodes Sanford, Province President. Of the chapter's 349 members, seventeen have been elected to Epsilon Sigma, the honorary scholastic fraternity, and fifteen to the group of representative students which hopes to become, at some time, a chapter of Mortar Board.

Mu celebrates Hera Day by contributing food and fuel to some needy family in Indianola. The most interesting custom of the chapter is the annual house party which is held during commencement week, when all alumnæ are invited to stay at the chapter house. It is filled to overflowing and affords a fine opportunity for acquaintance with the active chapter and a grand reunion. Frequent Sunday afternoon "cozies" are held at the house to which alumnæ are always welcomed.

The Mothers' Club, organized in 1922, contributes many needed articles and its seventeen members frequently assist the chapter in planning and serving dinners.

Women's fraternities have only recently been allowed to own homes. Mu lived in a rented house prior to 1932, when a stately English brick home was completed, the first to be built on Simpson's campus. Above the door the coat-of-arms of the fraternity is mounted in stone. On the ground floor there is a chapter room, dining room, and kitchen. The dining room is especially lovely with its stone fireplace and high beamed ceiling.

The main floor consists of a spacious drawing room on one side of the mail hall with the housemother's room, bath, and guest room on the other. A cheery fireplace and a grand piano are the principal features of the living room. The fraternity scholarship and student activity trophies gleam from a show case in the hall.

Six study rooms are on the second floor, each a different size and shape. The bathroom is adequately equipped and furnished in black and white tile. The broad stairway continues to the third floor where the dormitory is located. Opening off the dormitory is a small laundry room.

The house is a \$15,000 structure and is the culmination of a three-year program which was carried out by the alumnæ association.



MU'S HOUSE, INDIANOLA, IOWA

NU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, COLORADO

September 6, 1907

Mabel Harriet Siller, Gamma, Grand Historian, installed Nu chapter, September 6 1907. From the beginning the chapter has occupied a house, but did not own one until 1925, when it bought a house to accommodate thirty girls. In January, 1934, an opportunity arose to sell it and purchase a more desirable property. The chapter now



NU'S HOUSE, BOULDER, COLORADO

occupies this \$45,000 Norman English house, which was made possible by the constant and loyal help of the alumnæ.

It is of white brick with natural-colored trim and has a green roof. There is a large balcony over a porch on the south wing. The house faces west and there are but few windows from which the ever-changing beauty of the mountains cannot be seen.

A small vestibule leads into the entrance hall. Straight ahead is the dining room, light and airy, and on its left the kitchen, equipped with all the modern conveniences. On the left of the entrance hall is the library, a small cozy room with a broad window seat. The housemother's suite is on through the library, and consists of a sitting room, a bedroom and bath. On the south end of the house is the living room.

Blue and rust are the predominating color tones and a feeling of quiet and coolness premeates the room. A large fireplace with the coat-of-arms mounted above it promises a cheery welcome to all when snow falls outside.

On the second and third floors there are twenty bedrooms, some of which are shared, and others which are used singly. On each of these floors in the hallways by the stairway there is an alcove which is just large enough for a studio lounge. On the third floor is a large combination smoking and study room, furnished with couches and swings. In the basement is another recreation room with a fireplace of stone. There are numerous chairs and couches, and a ping pong table.



NU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Helen Rice, Frances Foote, Bertha Howard, Ethel Brown, Mollie Rank. Bottom row: Irene Hall, Flora Goldsworthy, Willa Wales, Jessie Rogers.

Nu has several traditions that are respected and loved by actives and alumnæ. Among these are the pledge breakfast and a dance called The Pledge Gambol. All freshmen are banished from the house for several days while the actives decorate with thousands of playing cards, dice, and large pictures of kings and queens. A formal Christmas dinner is accompanied by a Christmas tree hidden by presents all from the ten cent store but made priceless by an accompanying verse. The Valentine dinner is given as near February 14 as possible. Names are drawn beforehand and each girl receives a valentine from an unknown sweetheart. The Easter breakfast is followed by church attendance in a body. A senior breakfast is held just before commencement when

pansies the traditionally used for decorations. The will, prophecy, and history of the seniors are read.

No particular tradition characterizes the chapter's observance of Hera Day. Individual acts of charity are usually the order of the day, although the group sometimes gives food and clothing to some needy family or entertains shut-ins.

The chapter is fortunate in having two Mothers' Clubs. One was organized in Denver in 1924, and the other in Boulder the following year. The membership of the two clubs approximates forty, and their united purpose is to help the active chapter by supplying complete dining room and kitchen equipment.

Three hundred and forty-two have been initiated, of which seven have been elected to Mortar Board and nine to Phi Beta Kappa. The Boulder alumnae club presents a badge to the initiate making the highest scholastic average, providing her fraternity spirit is also of excellent quality.

XI, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

November 28, 1907

On Thanksgiving Day, 1907, Xi chapter was installed by Laura Howe, Zeta, Grand Treasurer; Mable Siller, Gamma, Grand Historian;

La Rose Colliver Sommerville, Alpha; and Grace Slaughter Gamble, Gamma. Panhellenic immediately invited the chapter to become a member and gave a dance in its honor.

Of the 440 initiates of the chapter, twenty-one are Phi Beta Kappas, twenty-nine are members of Mortar Board and six have served the fraternity as national officers. These latter are Alice Lesher Mauch, Dale Pugh Hascall, Marion



XI CHARTER MEMBERS

Mary Bardwell, Alice Lesher, Lilah David, and Harriet Bardwell. Emma Farrow, Vera Upton, Beulah Goodson, Linna Timmerman, Nina Beaver, Irene Little, and Beulah Buckley, charter members, are not pictured.

Whitmore Webster, and Florence Wittwer Oaks, all Province Presidents; Frances Whitmore White, Council Delegate, and Verna Hyder Boyles, who served as Province President before becoming National Treasurer in 1926.

Traditional in the chapter is a breakfast given in the spring by the juniors for the graduating class; a banquet, sponsored by Kappa



XI'S HOUSE, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Kappa, and attended by alumnæ and actives from all over the state; the state luncheon, also sponsored by Kappa Kappa, which serves as the official alumnæ reunion; a parents' dinner; and the May Day sing, in which all fraternities participate competitively. The chapter observes Hera Day by personal and individual service, or by putting on a program of entertainment for the old folks' home and the orphanage.

The Mothers' Club, organized in 1926, helps the chapter to keep up the house linens and gives an annual present of china, furniture, or silver to the house. This latter was built in 1927 at a cost of \$44,000. It was financed by mortgage bonds, which are being paid off

by the rent which the active chapter pays the alumnæ corporation. It is of the Georgian type, built to house thirty-five girls.

A curving brick walk leads to the entrance above which flicker two lamps. From the tile-floored hall one enters the long living room with its fireplace in the south wall. The davenports and chairs in gray tones harmonize with the spacious music room with its baby grand piano. A guest room in lavender and the housemother's room and bath complete the first floor arrangement.

From the reception hall an open staircase of wrought iron with the lyre bird in the center leads to the second floor. The corridor is flanked by individually decorated study rooms. On the third floor is the dormitory. There are baths on each floor, finished in soft green and white with tile floors and showers. In the basement double doors open into the chapter room with the fireplace in the south end and the other three walls lined with benches. The dining room is in green, with an upright piano painted to match the rest of the furnishings. The enameled kitchen is fully equipped and the house has an oil heating system.

OMICRON, BAKER COLLEGE, BALDWIN, KANSAS

September 17, 1908

Nu Alpha, a nineteen-year-old local organization, became Omicron of Alpha Chi Omega on September 17, 1908. Mary Jones Tennant, Alpha, Inspector, and Kate Calkins, Beta, former Grand President, were the installing officers. The chapter has given two officers to the fraternity, Birdean Motter Ely Staveley, National Secretary, and Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, National Vice-President. Of the 385 initiated members, twenty-two have been elected to Alpha Delta Sigma, the honorary scholastic fraternity.

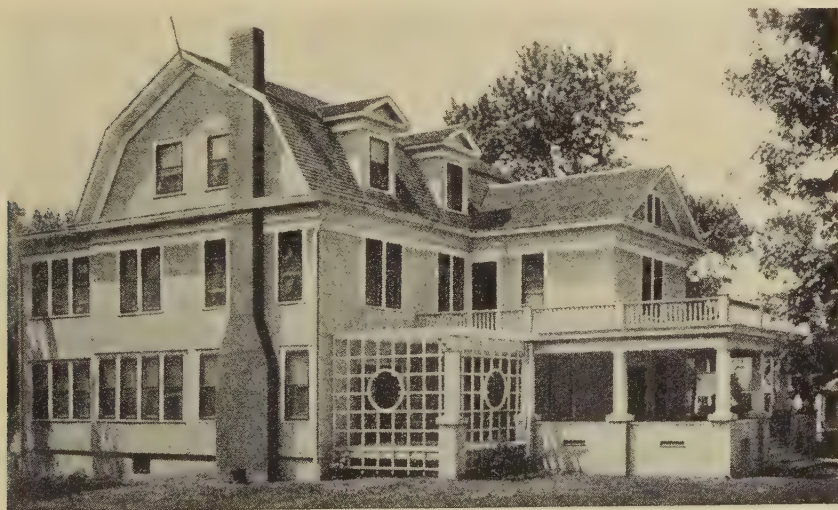
The chapter house is an example of the satisfactory results that may sometimes be obtained from the purchase of a small house in a desirable location and later remodeling and enlarging it. In the fall of 1920 Omicron first moved into her own house, accommodating only nine girls, but in a very choice location facing the Baker campus. To house the other members of the chapter, another house nearby, "The Annex," was rented for two years. In the summer of 1922 remodeling and enlarging was begun, increasing the valuation of the property to \$17,000.

The remodeled house is of buff stucco and is very attractive and



OMICRON'S CHARTER MEMBERS

Back row, left to right: Eula Smith, Mae Dennis, and Edith Bideau. Second row: Minerva Bragg, Bonnidell Sisson, Althea Kelly, Stell Norton, and Grace Davenport. Front row: Edna Pearce, Zula Green, Laura Nicholson, and Bullah Kinzer. Birdean Motter Edy, Marie Moorehead Ebright, Iva Riley Farrer, and Alice Reed Bacon are not in the picture.



OMICRON'S HOUSE, BALDWIN, KANSAS



PI'S CHARTER MEMBERS

Beatrice Boearde, Edith Brown, Dorothy Burdorf, Rue Clifford, Marguerite Creighton, Fern Enos, Ethel Loudon Gillis, Marion Hitchcock, Byrd Howell, Leone Lane Kelley, Bess Kentner, Eda Long, Clare Norton, Gertrude Rice, Mary Stafford, Alice Streets, Elsie Williams, and Elizabeth Wright. Five pictures are missing.

homelike. It has eighteen rooms and a sleeping porch and can accommodate twenty-four girls. The financing of the project was entirely in the hands of the *alumnæ* board of trustees. A loan was secured from the national endowment fund and additional cash was received from a building and loan association and the sale of house bonds to *alumnæ* and friends of the chapter.

The chapter holds an *alumnæ* banquet each year, and a Christmas party. The seniors are always honored by a breakfast, which the junior class manages. The most enjoyed function of the year is the spring house party. The chapter gives a piece of crested jewelry to the pledge making the highest average. Hera Day is observed by taking gifts and cheer to shut-ins, and to the poor. The Mothers' Club, which does not meet in Baldwin but in Kansas City, was organized in 1932. It is composed of mothers from Phi and Alpha Nu as well as Omicron. Omicron is unique in having had one of its charter members, Marie Moorhead Ebright, assist at the initiation of every member of the chapter.

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

May 7, 1909

On May 7, 1909, La Solana House club became Pi chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. The installation was made by Mabel Harriet Siller, Gamma, then Grand Historian, assisted by Carrie Trowbridge, Anne Shepard, Nellie Green Wheeler, Olive Berryman, and Rowena Hall, all of Epsilon; Lida Bosler Hunter, Alpha; Theo White, Alpha; and Lucretia Drown, Beta. On the afternoon of May 8, a reception was given for the faculty and members of other fraternities, and in the evening the installation banquet was held in the chapter house.

From its installation until 1920 the chapter lived in several houses, moving to larger quarters as each was outgrown. The present house is mute evidence of the chapter's indomitable spirit. In September, 1923, Berkeley was swept by a disastrous fire which destroyed the homes of many Greek-letter organizations. Among these was Pi's lovely home purchased so joyfully three years before. Despite the calamity, however, a new home was built costing \$39,500; the seemingly impossible was accomplished through the efforts of Pi's *alumnæ*, the Alpha Chi Omega Endowment fund, and the Regents of the University of California. After two years of unsettled conditions the chapter was finally established in its new home in August 1925.

It is Mediterranean in style, stucco, with a red tile roof, situated on a corner lot with a gently sloping lawn in front surrounded by a tall hedge. The entrance hall has a slightly vaulted ceiling and arched doorways into the living and dining rooms. The living room is furnished tastefully with comfortable chairs and davenport, a baby grand piano, a cabinet radio, and several floor lamps. There is a large fireplace



PI'S HOUSE, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

which adds much to the room. Off the living room is a hexagonal sun-room with wicker furniture and bright chintz drapes. The dining room has simple walnut furniture and gay figured linen drapes. On the wall are three exquisite etchings. An old Russian samovar of lovely design, the gift of the Mothers' Club stands in a prominent place.

On the second floor are ten rooms, housing twenty-three girls. The housemother's room and private bath are also here. Each room has a bureau, desk, and chair for each girl and one couch. All sleep up in a big open air dormitory on the third floor. It has twenty-three comfortable beds and cheery plaid curtains. In the center is a small patio, open to the sky, with bright colored canvas chairs.

In the basement is the chapter room and a room for the use of the town girls.

A beautiful garden is behind the house, sloping down to a little brook. From the porch one may look out over San Francisco and the Golden Gate.

Pi's celebration of Hera Day has taken many forms. Children from the orphanage have been entertained, scrapbooks made, sewing carried on for several charitable institutions. One year the chapter made possible the ultimate cure of a little crippled child whose parents were unable to supply the necessary funds. During the war two French orphans were adopted. The chapter has been greatly assisted by its Mothers' Club, which since its organization in 1924 has been most generous in its gifts to the house.

The chapter entertains the Fathers of the members at dinner each year and also has faculty dinners. Two formal dances and a pledge dance are the usual functions, together with a senior banquet.

Leigh Stafford Foulds, Mildred Lantz Masser, and Minerva Osborn Donald all served the fraternity as Province Presidents. Mrs. Donald held the office of National Vice-President for five years before she became National President in 1935. Seven members of the chapter have been elected to Mortar Board and eight to Phi Beta Kappa out of 373 initiates.

RHO, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

October 14, 1910

On October 14, 1910, Delta Nu was installed as Rho of Alpha Chi Omega. The ceremonies were conducted by Alta Allen Loud, Beta, assisted by Ada Dickie Hamblen, Beta; Louise Stone, Zeta; Bess Kentner, Pi; Gaea Wood, Gamma; Pauline Drake, Iota; Ernestine Helsop, Nu; Susan Hovey Fitch, Theta; and Florence Clemens Kemp, Theta.

Rho's first chapter house was built just before the group was installed. Three times larger quarters were sought, until finally in 1926 the chapter built its present home, a three-story brick and stucco Tudor house. The lots had been purchased several years before by the alumnae corporation, which issued first and second mortgage bonds to finance the \$50,000 project.

Green iron lanterns swing on either side of the massive Dutch door. In the large drawing room the woodwork is of Philippine mahogany and the walls are of California stucco with the rosette design. Gorgeous grey Chinese rugs, bright davenport, and lamps make this room most attractive. There is also a huge fireplace and a grand piano in the

room. The solarium is furnished in pale green with drapes of brilliant colors. A town girl's room, a dining room which accommodates fifty-six girls, and complete kitchen arrangement make up the first floor. A splendid feature of the house is a chapter office, a small room off the dining room where all chapter books, files, stationery, and equipment are kept and personal conferences and meetings of chapter officers may be held.

The second and third floor are similar except for the house-



RHO'S HOUSE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

mother's suite and guest room which are on the second floor. A sewing room on the third floor is an added luxury. Thirty-two girls live in the house and the individual rooms are well arranged and equipped with separate desks and study lamps. On each floor is a sleeping porch, bathrooms and showers, and a telephone booth. In the basement is the chapter room, a laundry room, storage space, and the rooms for the cook and houseboys.

The chapter gives a Dad's dinner each year, as well as a Christmas party, several dances, and a senior breakfast. Scholarship is encouraged by chapter awards. The freshman and junior having the highest grades receive recognition by having their names engraved on their respective class cups, and the outstanding sophomore receives a crested ring at the annual Founders' Day banquet. Hera Day observance takes the

form of a visit to the Old Folks' home where a program is given.

The Mothers' Club, organized in 1923, gives the chapter furnishings for its house. Rho's membership totals 418, ten of whom are Phi



RHO CHARTER MEMBERS

Gertrude Niedergesaess, Hazel Hawks, Edith Greensberg, Theodora Maltbie, Ethel Jones, Vera Cogswell, Marjorie Harkins, Edith Hindman, Emily Rogers, Bess Storch, Gretchen O'Donnel, and Jean Rogers.

Beta Kappas and thirteen are Mortar Boards. The chapter has given the fraternity four Province Presidents: Gretchen O'Donnell Starr Cook, later National Treasurer; Hazel Learned Sherrick, Marion Tabor

Robinson, and Betty Hills Erickson, The *Lyre* Editor, Theodora Maltbie Collins, is also from Rho.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA

June 10, 1911

Sigma was installed June 10, 1911, by Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Zeta, National Treasurer; Myrtle McKean Dennis, Gamma, Inspector, and Florence Armstrong, Mu, Editor.



SIGMA CHARTER MEMBERS

Members were: Marie Bateman, Nina Shaffer, Ina Sherrebeck, Grace Overholdt, Myrtle Moore, Mae Williamson, and Bertha Reichert. One picture is missing.

Phi Beta Kappa has claimed nineteen and Mortar Board twenty-one of the chapter's 303 initiates. Sigma traditionally observes Hera Day by taking toys to the Childrens' hospital. Other annual events include a Founders' Day banquet, Mothers' Day tea, and a dinner for brothers. A Christmas party, alumnae supper for the pledges, a dinner dance and senior breakfast complete the list of social functions.

In 1924 the chapter moved into its present house. After extensive enlarging and remodeling under the direct supervision of two of Sigma's able alumnae during the summer months the girls returned in the fall to enter a home carefully designed to meet their needs and desirable

in every way. The grounds, already alluring with the planting of rare shrubs and trees by the former owner, President Emeritus McBride, were further landscaped and a lovely sunken garden planned. Two years later a second lot adjoining the property was purchased and in



SIGMA'S HOUSE, IOWA CITY, IOWA

the fall of 1927 Professor McBride gave to the chapter the remaining part of his property. A charming tea house has been built in the garden and the whole property made more beautiful with the assistance of the alumnae and a patroness prominent in the city. The result is most gratifying and compares favorably with properties costing more than double the amount of Sigma's investment.

The house accommodates thirty girls and the cost of the finished building was \$35,000. This was financed by a local building and loan company. The debt is being cleared by the receipts from alumnae notes and the monthly savings of the chapter which amount to \$450.

TAU, BRENAU COLLEGE, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

November 24, 1911

Tau was installed November 24, 1911, being formed from Kappa chapter of Eta Upsilon Gamma. The investigation of the petitioners



TAU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Mary Carson, Virginia Hinton, Aileen Deavor, Laura Horton. Second row: Willie Hamilton, Faye McGee, Opal Overpack, Mary Dortch. Third row: Iler King, Eleanore Quinn, Margaret Brown Holder, Janie Russell, Jewel Bond. Bottom row: Nan Osborne, Montine Alford, Willie Kate Travis, Constance Miller, Emma Partlow. The picture of Sara Lee Alford is missing.

was conducted by Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Zeta, Grand Treasurer; Nell Schuyler Childs, Theta, Ethel McCoy, Lambda, Josephine Ballard, Theta, and Mary Thankful Everett, Zeta, assisted in the installation.

During the war and until 1921 Tau supported three French orphans and bought Liberty bonds. For many years she has observed Hera Day in a simple but useful way. In the mountains of North Georgia there is a little school known as Nacoochee Valley Institute. The people of this section are of very limited means and in great need of the real necessities of life. Each year a box is sent them from the chapter; into this box are put such articles as the girls can contribute, clothing especially.

A chapter reunion is held every year during the Brenau Alumnæ Houseparty. There is also an annual alumnæ banquet in Atlanta, on Founders' Day whenever that is possible. At the Christmas party there is always a tree and simple gifts for everyone. A faculty tea and a pledge tea are also annual events.

The chapter's initiates number 269. Many have been elected to the honorary organizations of Brenau, notably to Zeta Phi Eta and Mu Phi Epsilon. One of Tau's alumnæ, Addie Weltch Crosby, spent eight years as first president of the Southern Province: she was elected National Vice-President in 1935.



TAU'S HOUSE, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA



UPSILON CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Marie Hayes, Dee Worrel, Mildred Cushing. Second row: Hazel Grady, Ora Bellamy. Third row: Effie Morgan, Rowena Hudson, Helen Hopple. Fourth row: Laura Weillepp, Elizabeth Putman, Helen Heald, Sadie White, Estelle Du Hadway. Fifth row: Helen Moffet, Blossom Redmon, Alice Hicks, Julia Owings, Blanche Redmon. Bottom row: Louise Naber, Laura Kriege, Clara Randolph, Celia Still, Margaret McNabb. Pictures of Anna McNabb, Florence Kriege, Elsie Springstun, Ruth Seifried, Hilda Smith, Irene Staley, and Mary Scott are missing.

Tau's house is a large grey building with a cement terrace stretching across the front. The living room with its large fireplace and baby grand piano was recently redecorated by Tau's alumnæ living in Atlanta. A kitchenette, a telephone booth, three bedrooms, and the house-mother's suite complete the main floor. Upstairs there are four large attractively furnished bedrooms and a large clubroom for the pledges, done in red furniture.

UPSILON, JAMES MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

May 9, 1913

A local group, Phi Pi, was formed in May, 1908. It petitioned Alpha Chi Omega and was installed as Upsilon chapter, May 9, 1913. The



UPSILON'S HOUSE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

National Council combined its annual meeting with the installation, so many officers assisted in the ceremonies. Alta Allen Loud, Beta, President; Birdean Motter Ely, Omicron, Secretary; Lillian Zimmerman, Kappa, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Mu, Editor; Lois Smith Crann, Mu, Inspector; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Central Province President; Alice Watson Dixon, Eastern Province President, and Myrtle Hatswell Bowman, Beta, were present. They were assisted by twenty-five members from Iota and eight from Gamma.

The other fraternities at Millikin entertained the new chapter and its visitors very hospitably during the week.

Upsilon lived in rented chapter houses until February, 1927, when the new \$17,000 red brick colonial house built by the alumnæ just across from the Millikin campus was ready for occupancy. On the first floor is the hostess's apartment, living room, library, dining room, and kitchen with butler's pantry. On the second floor are eight large study rooms and the bath. A large dormitory and storage rooms are on the third floor and the chapter room is in the basement.

The annual Christmas "newsie" party has been an outstanding event of the year to the chapter. Founders' Day celebration with its program and birthday cake with candles is another annual custom. Usually a party for poor children is given on Hera Day. The Mothers' Club helps the chapter by gifts of household necessities.

Upsilon gives a plaque to the senior and the freshman most outstanding in activities and scholarship. It also awards a cup for the greatest scholastic improvement. Two hundred and sixty members have been initiated.

PHI, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KANSAS

September 15, 1914

Lillian Zimmerman, Kappa, National Treasurer, assisted by Marie Moorehead Ebright, Jennie Oeshli Haggart, and active members of Omicron, installed Phi on September 15, 1914. The chapter has been living in its own home since December, 1927. Situated high on Mount Oread, it overlooks the beautiful campus of the university. It is most conveniently located, being near to college shops as well as the university buildings.

The white, green-shuttered house is built in true colonial style. A wide terrace extending the entire length of the front is given an added hospitable touch by its green and white wicker furniture. The house was redecorated in 1934 and is now furnished in modern colonial style. Immediately upon entering, one senses a feeling of cheerfulness and warmth. The floors are carpeted in deep blue. The walls and woodwork are white. The windows are shaded with white Venetian blinds drawn by red cords, and the drapes are of floral glazed chintz. The furniture is of deep reds and bright blues and yellows subdued by warm browns. The white built-in bookcases have red backboards. An attractive concert grand piano stands in one corner of the living room, and at the



PHI'S HOUSE, LAWRENCE, KANSAS



PHI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Aileen Anderson, Eva Stone, Marjorie Kennedy, Myrna Van Zandt, Bessie Baird. Bottom row: Hedwig Wolke, Winona McCrosky, Marie Nelson, Trine Latta, Marian Blake. Pictures of Helen Stout, Elsie Fleeson, Josephine Jacqua, Claribel Lupton, and Virginia Weldon are missing.

extreme west end there is a huge white fireplace topped by a large unframed mirror. White antique tea tables and end tables as well as numerous bridge and table lamps add much to the cheeriness of the setting. The entire effect is artistic and harmonious. The house is surrounded by a beautifully terraced lawn enclosed with shrubbery, which is a source of great enjoyment to the thirty-eight girls who live there.

Since the founding of the chapter, Phi has initiated 325 members, thirteen of whom have received membership in Mortar Board and fourteen in Phi Beta Kappa. Two Province Presidents, Mayme Wilson Havenhill and Ruth Miller Winsor, as well as Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President have been drawn from the chapter's ranks. Mrs. Winsor became one of the National Counsellors in 1935.

The pledge receiving the highest average has her name engraved on the scholarship cup. A formal dinner is given to honor outstanding girls who receive campus honors. To the girl writing the best chapter song each year a piece of crested jewelry is given.

Each year the chapter entertains Omicron at dinner on Founders' Day. Two other dinners are events of the year, honoring the graduating class and entertaining brothers and cousins of the chapter. There is also an annual alumnæ banquet, and a party given by the pledges, at which the active chapter is entertained, and a gift presented to the house.

The celebration of Hera Day has varied with the passing years, ranging from a musical entertainment at some hospital or home to contributing to the country milk fund. The Mothers' Club which formerly held its meetings in Lawrence, is now organized in Kansas City and includes the mothers of Omicron and Alpha Nu. The group maintains a scholarship loan fund.

CHI, OREGON STATE COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, OREGON

March 19, 1915

The officers who installed Chi on March 19, 1915, were Alta Allen Loud, Beta, President; Leigh Stafford Foulds, Pi, and Beulah Buckley Witherow, Xi, assisted by Myrtle Harrison and Edith Hindman, Rho, Beatrice Andrews Hopkins, Xi, and Myrtle Wilcox Gilbert, Theta. Chi was the first chapter of a national fraternity to be established at the college, where Panhellenic now numbers fifteen.

Scholarship is encouraged within the chapter by engraving the name of the highest freshman on a loving cup. Twenty of Chi's 282 members



CHI CHARTER MEMBERS

Bottom row, left to right: June Seeley, Cora Ueland, Agnes Redmond, May Steusloff, Miriam Thayer, Bertha Davis, Vesta Kerr, Verna Tagg. Second row: Alberta Caverder, Lynette Kerr, Geraldine Newins, Grace Kinnison, Louise Williamson, Irene Brandes, Elvia Tagg, Neva Hoflich, Irene Ahern. Top row: Ada Reed, Edith Catherwood, Faith Hanthorn, Ruth Morrison, Dorothy Passmore, Mildred Crout, Lystra Tagg, Elizabeth Howitt. Missing: Gertrude Walling and Mrs. Leonora Kerr.



CHI'S HOUSE, CORVALLIS, OREGON

have been elected to Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic fraternity, and eight to Mortar Board, or the local Cap and Gown which recently became a chapter of that organization.

One formal and two informal dances are given during the year. The pledges usually entertain the members with an informal dance and a "fireside" during fall term, and the upperclassmen have a formal dinner dance. A breakfast for newly initiated girls is always given by initiates of the previous term. Mother's Day is observed with a breakfast. Graduating seniors are honored each year with a formal banquet at the close of which they break goblets.

An interesting chapter custom is the "dress-up dinner"—when each girl dons another's clothes and imitates her actions, to the joy of all beholders. The chapter also has an annual picnic with Chi Omega, the two chapters rotating the duty of hostess. Hera Day observance is usually in the form of help for some needy family.

Since 1930 the chapter has been materially assisted by the Mothers' Club, which has been most generous in its gifts to the house. This latter was built in 1926, after the chapter had been living in a rented house for ten years. The efforts of the chapter's alumnæ made possible the new building which was financed through a local bank and with the help of the Reserve fund. The property cost \$32,500 and \$5,000 additional was invested in furnishings. The house is Italian in feeling, built around a loggia filled with bright flowers and a bit of lawn.

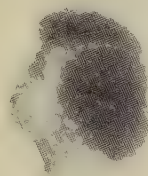
On the first floor are a reception hall, living room, dining room, guest room, housemother's suite, kitchen, and cook's quarters. The second story has rooms to care for twenty-four girls, showers, bathroom and a large sleeping porch. Each room contains identical built-in dressers, the four drawers of which can be moved from room to room when changes are made. The chapter room is in the basement.

PSI, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

January 14, 1916

On January 14, 1916, Psi was established at the University of Oklahoma. The installing officers were Maude Staiger Steiner, Theta, Extension Vice-President; El Fleda Coleman Jackson, Gamma, and Jennie Oechsli Haggart, Omicron, assisted by Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Eva Stone Roberts, Phi, Lucy Andrews O'Dell, Alpha, Marion Blake, Phi, Stella Nattier Brooks, Omicron, and Bess Snell, Mu.

Psi's house is owned by an alumnæ corporation, which built and



PSI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Vivian Sturgeon, Lucy Clark, Carmen Hampton, Mildred McClellan. Center row: Jessie Stiles, Elizabeth Richardson, Rosa McComic. Bottom row: Dorys Hollenbeck, Gladys Hollenbeck, Alice Dunn, Ruth Snell. Pictures of Ruby Russell, Dona Falkenbury, Sidney Halberg Holmberg, and Minnaletha Jones are missing.

financed it at a cost of \$45,000. A loan from the Endowment fund, individual gifts, and a first mortgage held by a local company made the venture possible. It was completed in 1925, to house thirty-nine girls. The architecture is Spanish, with buff stucco walls and a red tile roof. It is built on a corner lot, in the form of an L, the entrance being at the inner apex of the angle into a hall which connects the two wings. In one of these is a spacious living room, and in the other, the dining



PSI'S HOUSE, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

room, housemother's suite with connecting guest room, and kitchen. The dining room is used as a study hall, as well as the study rooms upstairs. The property has been beautified by the efforts of the Mothers' Club, which has planted the ground with tulips and shrubs and has given china to the house. This group was organized in 1923.

Psi has given the fraternity two officers, Fanny Inez Bell Norris, a Province President, and Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Province President and National Counsellor. Five of the 289 initiates are members of Mortar Board and seven are Phi Beta Kappas.

Each year the chapter gives donations to some local charitable organization on March 1, and Christmas gifts to poor children. An annual Halloween party is given by the pledges, who also give the house a Christmas present. In the spring the senior banquet climaxes the year's activities.



OMEGA CHARTER MEMBERS

*Omega chapter petitioners, including Beryl Campbell, Iva Davidson, Lydia Champ-
lin, Winnie Shields, Jennie McCormack, Irene Palmer, Helen Holroyd, Leila Nordby,
Beryl Wadsworth, Emma McCormick, Rachel Schumann, Dorothy Alvord, Anne
Palmer, Doris Lay, Elizabeth Henry, Grace Stonecipher, Gertrude Stephens, Beulah
Kelley, and Mary Setzer.*

Psi's outstanding pledge is honored by receiving jewelry and the best scholar has her name engraved on the Grace A. Brown scholarship cup.

OMEGA, WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

September 22, 1916

On October 12, 1908, nine girls met in Stevens Hall and organized the local group which was known for eight years as Alpha Theta Sigma. Shortly thereafter the chapter moved to an attractive bungalow on College Hill where they were installed, September 22, 1916 as Omega chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. The ceremonies were conducted by Alta Allen Loud, Beta, National President, assisted by Alice Reynolds Fischer, Theta; Elizabeth Stine Casper, Gamma; Cora Irene Leiby, Upsilon; Ethel Jones, Rho; Emily Rogers, Rho; Hazel Learned Sherrick, Rho; and Alberta Cavendar, Chi.

It was not until 1925 that the chapter built its present home, which is designed to house thirty-four girls. It is of brick construction costing \$35,000. On the first floor are found a large entrance hall, a living room where the chapter enjoys its radio, dining room, guest room, house-mother's room, complete bath, and kitchen quarters. Fifteen study rooms and a large bathroom make up the second floor, while the third



OMEGA'S HOUSE, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

consists of a very large dormitory and lovely roof garden. One of the most interesting features of the house is the oval dining table around which forty girls can be comfortably seated.

The chapter won the super-heterodyne radio offered by Phi Mu Alpha to the group winning the music memory contest in May, 1925. The music major's prize and the individual prize, each of \$25, were also won by the members of the chapter at the same time. In 1927 the silver loving cup offered by Mu Phi Epsilon to the women's group for the best singing of college songs also came to Omega.

The chapter has three cups which are offered to the girls within the group. One is the scholarship cup on which is engraved annually the name of the pledge who attained the highest average during her first semester; the other bears the name of the junior girl who stands highest on the campus and has at the same time given the most to the chapter. Lastly, a cup is awarded each semester for the most attractive room.

Each year some needy family is cared for as a Hera Day activity. An exchange party with Alpha Rho is an annual event, as is an alumnæ party at Christmas, and a senior banquet in the spring.

The initiates number 337, of whom fourteen are members of Mortar Board and two of the scholastic honor society. One of Omega's alumnæ has given national service, Josephine Heily Parry, Province President.

ALPHA BETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

April 26, 1918

In the spring of 1916 the beginnings were made of a local fraternity with the object of petitioning for a charter of Alpha Chi Omega. On Hera Day, 1918, Lafayette alumnæ pledged the Alpha Betas, and on April 26 the installation occurred. The installing officers were: Maud Staiger Steiner, Theta, Extension Vice President; Lillian G. Zimmerman, Kappa, Alumnæ Vice President; assisted by Helen Wood Barnum, Beatrice Herron, Meta Horner Malsbury, and Maude Mason Stoner, all of Alpha.

Alpha Beta lives in a three-story, white frame house conveniently located directly across from the campus and opposite the Union building. The Lafayette alumnæ club recently refurnished the entire house, from curtains to kitchen equipment. The alumnæ corporation financed the \$13,000 project, in which it now holds complete equity. Several lots on the other side of the campus are also owned by the alumnæ, on which the chapter hopes to build at some future date.



ALPHA BETA CHARTER MEMBERS

First row, top to bottom: Iva Christie, Virginia Stemm, Veda Laudaman, La Greta Lowman, Katherine Mavity. Second row: Myrtle Boyer, Elizabeth Meyer, Uldine Clarkson, Effie Thompson. Third row: Vera Kent, Lucile Dorner, Mary Clark, Nellie Parker Jones. Fourth row: Charlotte Peckinpaugh, Marion Titsworth, Inez Deardorff, Hortense Barnett. Fifth row: Pauline Lewis, Monelle Baker, Thelma Shelbourne, Paulena Scott, Irene Carlisle.

During the year Alpha Beta gives one formal dance, soon after initiation in April and several informal dances. On the day of the Indiana-Purdue football game, the fathers are invited to the house for a Dad's Day dinner. Each year the girls anxiously await the last night before



ALPHA BETA'S HOUSE, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Christmas vacation which they celebrate with an all-night party and pledge stunts. After the gifts have been exchanged the girls serenade the various fraternities on the campus. The mothers are entertained at dinner after the May Day pageant.

Hera Day is celebrated by visiting the poor and needy or by donations to the social welfare organizations. A Mothers' Club was organized in 1924, which takes care of mending and needed supplies in the chapter house.

The freshman whose scholarship is highest receives her badge at initiation, and has her name engraved on the scholarship cup. A framed copy of the *Symphony* is given the most outstanding freshman.

Ten of the 234 initiates have been elected to Mortar Board.

ALPHA GAMMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

June 6, 1918

Alpha Gamma chapter was installed on June 6, 1918, by Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President assisted by El Fleda Coleman Jackson, Gamma, Marion Blake, Phi, Lillian Christensen, Psi, Ethel Tyler Huning, Epsilon, Lucile Johnston Steele, Beta, and Suzanne Porter Nutt, Delta.



ALPHA GAMMA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Vera Kiech, Gladys Hayden, Daphne Cobb. Bottom row: Flora Chess, Pearl Hayerford, Hortense Switzer, Mayme Hart. Pictures of Fern Reeves, Helen Latamore, Allene Bixler, Alberta Hawthorne, Louise Wilkinson, Rebecca Graham, Josephine Weese, and Eunice Latamore are missing.

Alpha Gamma celebrates its birthday by an alumnæ banquet. An annual Christmas party, with gifts for charity, and a formal garden party in the spring are the chapter's main social events. Each year magazines are taken to a local hospital on Hera Day.

A Mothers' Club was organized in 1931, which gives social and financial aid to the chapter.

Phi Kappa Phi, the honorary scholastic fraternity has admitted eighth of Alpha Gamma's 177 initiates and five have been taken into Maia, the senior honor society. A Province President, Flora Chess Hale, has been drawn from the chapter's alumnæ.

In 1930, the chapter moved into its own \$25,000 chapter house, for which plans had been drawn several years earlier. Its old Spanish style architecture in cream stucco blends with the entire atmosphere of the Southwest, and of the campus of the University of New Mexico. It is located directly across from the administration building of the univer-



ALPHA GAMMA'S HOUSE, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

sity. It surrounds a patio and has an outside lawn, both of which have been beautifully landscaped.

The living room is furnished with old Spanish furniture. The "vegas" on the ceiling were painted by some of the girls in the active chapter. The chaperon's suite has southern exposure and is beautifully furnished.

ALPHA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI, OHIO

April 25, 1919

Alpha Delta was installed from the local Theta Phi Sigma in 1919. On Monday, April 21, Nellie Dobbins Dresser of Alpha arrived in Cincinnati and pledged twenty-seven members. On April 25, Maude Staiger Steiner, Theta, Extension Vice-President, assisted by Helen Wood Barnum, Tau, Olive Burnett Clark, Alpha, Mary Bruce, Theta, Eva Sutton, Alpha, Elizabeth Meyers, Alpha Beta, Nellie Dobbins Dresser, Alpha, Beatrice Herron, Alpha, Helen Keys, Theta, Vera Didlake, Alpha, Mabel Davis, Zeta, and Gladys Amerine, Alpha.

The Mothers' Club since 1924 has materially aided the chapter by giving many articles for the new chapter house, notably an electric refrigerator. The house was acquired in 1933, costing with its furnish-



ALPHA DELTA CHARTER MEMBERS

Left row, top to bottom: Edna Merz, Appolona Adams, Florence Kane, Elvira Paul, Mary Ann Ries, Helen Kahle, Ruth Norris. Second row: Kathryn Linder, Bess Waldman, Christine Hoshaw, Gertrude Waldman. Third row: Helen Arnold, Frances Runck, Mary McDowell, Loretta Hanlon, Julia Hammler. Fourth row: Amy Diefenbach, Charlotte Kehm, Elizabeth Tucker, Alice Wasmer. Fifth row: Mary O'Connell, Aline Hesterberg, Inez Tracy, Gladys Schultz, Grace Flannagan, Ruth Berting, Velma Hoffman.

ings \$9,000. It is the only fraternity house at Cincinnati. It is a rather small bungalow of the Spanish type, built of stucco and brown stained timbers, with a red tile roof, and is located directly across the street from the main campus. The house is set far back from the street on a little circle. A wide walkway leads up to the cement terrace which extends across the front of the building and is bordered with evergreens. All the doors and windows in the front of the house are tall and have round-arched tops. This uniformity lends an appearance of symmetry to the whole building.

One enters first the closed-in porch, which opens directly by means of French doors into the spacious living room extending the entire



ALPHA DELTA'S HOUSE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

depth of the house. This room is furnished in dark green and rust. On the mantle above the fireplace are displayed some of Alpha Delta's cups and trophies.

To the right of the living room is the hallway upon which the four bedrooms open, one of which is the housemother's. Three of the bedrooms are furnished with single beds while the fourth, the dormitory room, has two double-deck beds.

The dining room is separated from the living room by a wide arched doorway. Between the dining room and the kitchen there is a large breakfast nook whose long table and built-in benches will easily seat twelve girls. Both the kitchen and breakfast nook are adequately equipped with cupboards and built-in conveniences.

The chapter room is in the basement as is also the "bumming"



ALPHA EPSILON CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Anne Forster, Beulah McGorvin, Elsie Stevens, Marion Wixson, Dorothy Forster. Second row: Rita Lenders, Ruth Lassen, Miriam Grammes. Third row: Lillian Webster, Margaret Frankeberger, Laura Bee, Helen Angelucci. Bottom row: Mary Purcell, Eleanor Thompson, Helen Bailey. Pictures of Marie Dougherty, Elsa Erb, Rhea Helder, Edith Miller, Mary Ratigan, Sara Waller, and Angela Weiss are missing.

room, comfortably furnished with cretonne covered couches and chairs. This spot serves as a lounge and meeting place for the girls.

Of the 185 initiates, Mortar Board claims five and Phi Beta Kappa, thirteen. The chapter rewards activity participation by a crested ring which is passed on from year to year. The best student in the group has her name engraved on a plaque.

A black and white dance is held each year to introduce the pledges, who all dress alike. The annual slumber party is a long anticipated event in the chapter, as is the "Ma, Pa, and Me banquet." Hera Day is observed by directing a childrens' play at the Day Nursery.

ALPHA EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

May 9, 1919

Conditions at the University of Pennsylvania prior to the year 1914 were so unfavorable to women students that comparatively few enrolled for undergraduate work leading to a degree. Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma easily provided for those who came. With the opening of the School of Education in 1914, however, a great influx of women began. It was a natural consequence, therefore, that the year of 1916-1917 should see the birth of a number of new local sororities. In that year were formed the organizations that were soon to become Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega.

In May, 1917, nine Pennsylvania women began carefully to plan Zeta Chi. When in the fall of 1917 they introduced to the campus Zeta Chi it was fully organized and ready to compete in the season's rushing. Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, National Inspector, visited the petitioning group and on April 26, 1919, Elizabeth Dunn Prins, Iota, pledged Alpha Epsilon chapter.

On May 9 a most impressive installation was held. Sixteen alumnae were present including five Council members: Mary Emma Griffith, Lambda, Secretary; Florence Armstrong, Mu, Editor; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, Inspector; Myra H. Jones, Lambda, former Treasurer; and Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, former Vice-President. Others who assisted in the ritual were Annie May Cook, Zeta, Louise Chase, Delta; Miriam Kennedy, Grace Griffith, Evelyn Peterson, Lambda; Mabel Keech, Beta; Suzanne Mulford Ham, Gamma; Lucile Lippitt, Elizabeth McAllister Donelly, Alta Moyer Taylor, Theo White, Delta; and Violet Truell Evans, Zeta.

After renting a small apartment which served as chapter headquarters for six years, a house was purchased for \$13,200 in 1926. It is a three-story, stone building in a row, which is typical of old Philadelphia, in a location convenient to the campus, and overlooking the Law

School. Three other fraternities have their homes in this same row. The chapter rents from the alumnae corporation, which financed the property through an Endowment fund loan and a first mortgage.

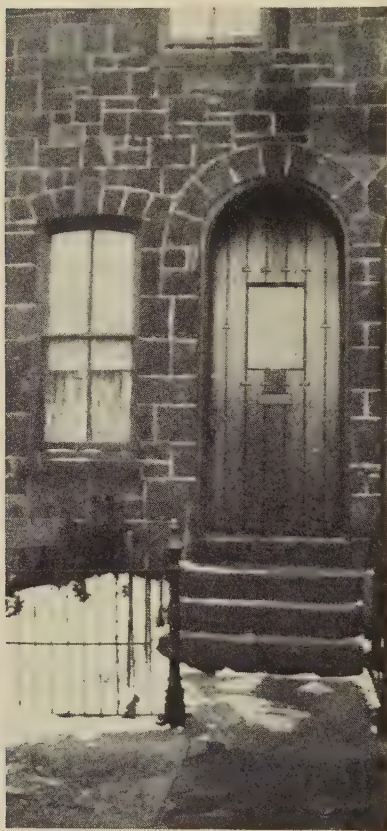
A heavy oak door, brass studded, bears the fraternity's name on a small plate below a tiny window. The vestibule, so characteristic of Philadelphia houses, opens into a simply furnished but cozy living room, shut off from the dining room by French doors. The dining room was newly curtained and refurnished in early American maple in 1935.

The stairways leads directly up from the living room to the doors of the chapter room on the second floor. This is furnished in green, with bright chintz drapes, and is in constant use, serving as social center, workroom, and chapter meeting place.

The hostess' room, a large double bedroom and a bath complete the second floor, while on the third are four bedrooms and a bath.

The house serves as a meeting place for Pi Pi, and for the Mothers' Club, which was formed in 1933. This group acts as hostess at the annual rushing tea for parents, and keeps the furnishings in repair. Here too an annual party is given on March 1, for children from the University Settlement house.

From Alpha Epsilon's 167 members, 21 have been elected to Mortar



ALPHA EPSILON'S HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Board in the sixteen years of the chapter's life. When Phi Beta Kappa opened its membership to women at Pennsylvania in 1935, three alumnæ of the chapter were enrolled. Many of the fraternity's ceremonies have been written or revised by one of the charter members, Helen Cheyney Bailey. Elizabeth Rhodes Dalgliesh has served the national organization as Council Delegate, Province President and author of the 1935 edition of the *History*.

Annual customs in the chapter include the presentation of a piece of fraternity jewelry to the pledge with the best initiation average; a pledge tea for other campus pledges; and a Christmas party for the active chapter, and a Christmas dance. Two treasured traditions are the "alumnæ dinner," which is the final formal rushing banquet, and the houseparty. For this latter, the chapter rents a house at the seashore nearby, and spends a week or a week-end, with any alumnæ who are able to attend.

ALPHA ZETA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

June 8, 1920

Pi Mu Alpha was organized in 1916. After the pressure of wartime activities was relieved, the group petitioned Alpha Chi Omega, and was installed as Alpha Zeta chapter June 8, 1920. Officiating were



ALPHA ZETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Standing, left to right: Elizabeth Smith, Aphradite Jannapalo, Helen Kirkpatrick, Ruth Ward, Janice Fenton, Caroline Mellow. Seated: Gladys Jones, Hilda Herklotz, Harriet Gibson, Martha Gibson, Delphine Davenport. The following do not appear in the picture: Luella Quinn, Marion Myersick, Gertrude Kipp, Annabel Remnitz, Jeannette Brinkman, Maude Guhman, Inez Shageman, Hazel Farmer, Gertrude Lucas, Adele Scherrer, Elfrieda Uthoff.

Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President assisted by Esther Barney Wilson, Beta; El Fleda Coleman Jackson, Gamma; Ruth Miller, Augusta Taylor, Lillian Gleissner, and Ella Bainum, Phi; Cora Ault, Omicron; Marguerite Grimmer, Dorothy May Smith, and Gladys Meserve Ranney, Iota; and Flora Campbell Upshaw, Nu.



ALPHA ZETA'S CHAPTER ROOM, WOMEN'S BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

There are no chapter houses at Washington University. All women's groups contributed to a Women's Building, which was completed in 1928. Here each chapter has a large living room and a kitchenette. Alpha Zeta's quarters have cream colored venetian blinds at the tall, leaded glass windows. Overdrapes of green brocade give the dominant note to the room. A plain mulberry rug forms a soft background for the green overstuffed English couches, each with its coffee table and softly shaded floor lamp. A baby grand piano stands by one window, while opposite is a corner cabinet. A radio, secretary, and several occasional chairs complete the furnishings. Separated from this room by velvet drapes is a small nook which has been equipped with a long mirror, dressing table, and bench. Since 1927, the Mothers' Club has helped.

To promote interest in campus activities Alpha Zeta has two loving cups, one to be a reward for the most active member in the chapter and the other for the pledge most active during the fall semester. A piece of crested jewelry is given the pledge with the highest grades. Each year the girls observe Hera Day by entertaining the children of the Orphans' home, and take them refreshments. Other chapter customs are the annual house party at a camp near St. Louis, and the monthly supper meetings at the home of one of the members, in which the pledges participate.

Six Phi Beta Kappas and seven members of Mortar Board are among the chapter's 210 initiates, as well as a Province President, Inez Schageman Kriege.

ALPHA ETA, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE, OHIO

June 11, 1920

In the spring of 1916, nine girls gained permission from the faculty to organize a sorority, Phi Delta Pi. At the end of rushing season nine new girls were pledged. Two visits, made by Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, National Inspector in 1918, and by Mary Emma Griffith, National Secretary in 1920, resulted in the installation of the group as Alpha Eta on June 11, 1920. The ceremonies were conducted by Gretchen Gooch Troster, Iota, National Inspector, and Helen Woods Barnum, Alpha, assisted by Katherine Stewart Armington, Epsilon, Lillian Elliot Valentine, Beta, Margaret Megirt Barkley, Julia Jones, Helen Munhall, Martha Ruth Nebinger, Lillian Nelson, Irene Wood, Esta Ebaugh, Ethel Moore Miller, Coral McMillin, Ida and Helen Galbreath, Delta, and Harriet Watson, Tau.

Alpha Eta celebrates Hera Day by helping some needy family in Alliance. The chapter goes camping each summer at some nearby lake. It holds an annual May Day luncheon and a homecoming luncheon at its chapter house, which was built in 1927 at a cost of \$20,000. The college does not permit the girls to live in it, requiring that they occupy rooms in the dormitory, so the chapter rents the house with the understanding that it may use the living room, kitchen, and chapter room for meetings and entertaining. This English Colonial house is built of cream colored brick at one corner of the campus. It can accommodate twenty girls, and the hope of the chapter is that it may eventually be allowed to live in it. In the same year that the house was built, a Mothers' Club was organized that has taken a great interest in keeping up the furnishings, and in giving the chapter social aid.



ALPHA ETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Wilma Knox, Marian Stone, Clara Johnson. Second row: Margaret Arnold, Wilma Ray, Gaynelle Lisle Hanna, Eleanor Hancher. Third row: Priscilla H. Alden, Helen Shaw, Nora Smith, Lucille Halverstadt. Bottom row: Gertrude Cramer, Leah Keyser, Helen Patterson, Rosalind Russell. Pictures of Velma Olga Workman, Mildred Walker, Grace Sanderson, Mabel Hisey, Stella Stackhouse Evangeline Liggett Bowers, Mary Elliott Janson, Lydia Elinor Kirk, Marjorie E. James, Edith McBride Purviance, Carrie M. Clark, Mary Ellen Pluchel, Inez V. Summers, Mary E. Yogel, and Mary Pauline Borton are missing.



ALPHA ETA'S HOUSE, ALLIANCE, OHIO

Alpha Eta encourages scholarship by engraving on a chapter cup the name of the freshman with the highest average. Three girls have been elected to the local organization formed in 1932 to petition Mortar Board. The total number of Alpha Eta's initiates is 174.

ALPHA THETA, DRAKE UNIVERSITY, DES MOINES, IOWA

June 10, 1921-October 19, 1933

Alpha Chi Omega announced the withdrawal of her chapter at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, on October 19, 1933. The chapter was installed June 10, 1921, when the University was first opened to fraternities. The reasons for withdrawing the chapter were the lack of four-year girls, and the major number of two-year girls; the lack of experienced chapter members at the beginning of each year; the lack of financial stability; and the lack of interest in Alpha Chi Omega by the chapter itself. The charter was revoked with sincere regret, as being in the best interests of the fraternity. The chapter's initiates number 159.

ALPHA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VERMONT

June 13, 1921

With the installation of Alpha Iota on June 13, 1921, Alpha Chi Omega entered the oldest distinctively "state" university in the United



ALPHA IOTA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Edith Ladd, Marjorie Perrin, Jennie Armstrong. Second row: Frances Maynard, Helen Aiken, Kathleen Keenan, Martha Leighton. Third row: Annis Mack, Mary Kelley, Gaynelle Ladd, Ida Johnson. Fourth row: Hazel Stanhope, Maybelle Pratt, Fannie Peabody, Doris Sidwell. Bottom row: Amy Hammond, Flora Emerson, Mildred Loper, Vivian Waterman, Priscilla Salls.

States. The University of Vermont's charter was granted by the first general assembly after the state became a member of the Federal Union in November, 1791. Pi Alpha Alpha petitioned the fraternity immediately after its organization in 1919. Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, National President, conducted the preliminary inspection. The installation was made by Mrs. Graff and Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, assisted by Annie May Cook, Carlotta Slater, Carol Simpson, Jean Davis, Marion Dyer, and Naomi Bevard, all of Zeta.

Each year the chapter has observed Hera Day by visiting the old ladies home, the children's hospital, and the orphanage, taking entertainment and refreshments. During Commencement Week, "June Spread" is held, which is an alumnæ and active reunion. After an informal supper, the entire group goes to the chapter room for the Dream Cake ceremony. The Dream Cake was originated by Alpha Iota, and the ceremony which is used was written by Gladys La Flamme. The cake is baked in special tins, made in the shape of the three Greek letters, Alpha, Chi, and Omega. It is frosted in white, and decked with scarlet and olive candles, which are lighted during the ceremony. It was first used at the close of rushing, at which time all freshmen were given a piece of it "to dream on." This custom of Alpha Iota's was introduced to the fraternity at the Del Monte Convention when members of Alpha Iota brought their cake to the chapter reunion dinner, and gave pieces of it to the Founders, past Presidents, and members of the Council. Many chapters have adopted the custom since that time.

The chapter has initiated 170 members, and in the fourteen years of its existence has had seventeen elected to Mortar Board and fifteen to Phi Beta Kappa. Lois Burbank received the first award of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship in 1930 for study in the Paris Atelier of the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts. The member of the chapter having the highest average each year has her name engraved on the scholarship cup.

Alpha Iota purchased its house in 1930, and was most fortunate in securing a great bargain. The house, garage, and extensive grounds were purchased for \$19,000. The present assessed valuation is \$60,000. Although not built for a chapter house, it is excellently adapted to the needs of the group. On three sides of the house are spacious lawns, shaded by old trees, and behind is a garden from which the chapter gets not only a constant profusion of flowers, but almost all of the fruit and vegetables which are used by the commissary. The housemother has

spent a good part of each summer preserving and canning the chapter's winter supplies.

Thirteen rooms and five baths give ample accommodation for the sixteen girls who live there. A wide veranda extends around two sides of the house, from which French doors open into the living room. The



ALPHA IOTA'S HOUSE, BURLINGTON, VERMONT

main entrance leads into a large hall with a beautiful brick fireplace, above which is a replica of a Greek frieze, representing Apollo driving the Horses of the Sun. On the left, double doors open into the reception room, which in turn leads into the large comfortably furnished living room with its fireplace. To the rear is the dining room, furnished in cherry, with broad windows overlooking the west lawn and a corner of the garden. Here too is a fireplace, which with the other is used on all social occasions. Two spacious pantries and an old fashioned kitchen, with a Dutch Oven as well as more modern conveniences complete the first floor. All of the woodwork throughout the house is in matched white oak and is very lovely. A broad staircase leads up from the entrance hall. On the second floor are the housemother's room and private bath, two large rooms on the west facing Lake Champlain, each with its fireplace, and with a bath between, and two single rooms on the north. Three bedrooms and a bath are on the third floor, as well as the chapter room, which originally was the library of the house. At

one end a large brick fireplace lends its cheer, while from the windows the view of the lake and the Adirondacks is unsurpassed. The chapter room is furnished with mahogany windsor chairs, which the chapter dedicated in 1932 to the memory of one of its members.

ALPHA KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, OREGON

June 22, 1921

In 1918 Sigma Delta Theta was organized at the University of Oregon for the purpose of petitioning Alpha Chi Omega. Three years later the Pacific Province convention met in Portland and there installed Alpha Kappa on June 22. Hazel Learned Sherrick and Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, both of Rho, and respectively the Province President and the National Treasurer were the installing officers, assisted by Myrtle Harrison Bates, also of Rho, the Portland alumnæ club, and fifty active and alumnæ members from throughout the province.

Alpha Kappa is the only chapter of the fraternity owning two houses simultaneously. The old one was purchased in 1924 at a cost of



ALPHA KAPPA'S HOUSE, EUGENE, OREGON

\$15,000 rather as an investment than with the intention of continuing it as a permanent home for the chapter. Two years later a location was secured at an expense of \$6,000 and plans were begun for the new house which was completed in the fall of 1927. The house is Georgian Colonial,



ALPHA KAPPA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Elsie Marsh, Margaret Jackson, Marie Courtney, Georgine Cockatt, Gladys Keeney, Truth Terry. Second row: Germany Klemm, Hilda Hensley, Mary Moore, Florence Jagger, Dorothea Boynton, Mary Turner, Henrietta Hansen. Third row: Wanna McKinney, Edyth Wilson, Alice Curtis, Frances Moore, Charlotte Clark, Leola Green, Mildred LeCompte. Bottom row: Eunice Eggleston, Ruth Sanborn, Annabel Denn, Alice Hamm, Beatrice Hensley, Bess Shell, Leah Wagner. Picture of Nita Howard is missing.

built of light brick. The first floor has a story-and-a-half ceiling. Distinctive features are the winding staircase lighted by a window bearing the Alpha Chi Omega coat-of-arms, a den with a sloping ceiling, an upstairs living room with a fireplace, a supervised study room, a chapter room to be entered only by those who have been initiated, two huge fireplaces downstairs, and a large court. It is located on the "sorority row" of the Oregon campus.

The house is owned by Alpha Kappa's alumnae who built it at a cost of \$41,000 and financed it through mortgages. Later the old property was sold, and the sum realized applied on the new indebtedness. The house has been more than half cleared in eight years. It accommodates thirty-eight girls and the hostess, who has her own private suite with bedroom, living room and bath.

The Mothers' Club has been generous since its organization in 1927, not only in providing rushing teas in the summer, but also in giving the chapter such things as a chair for the living room, an oriental rug, and a complete set of dishes.

An alumnae dinner is held each Hera Day and a gift of money is presented to the Red Cross or some similar organization. Each member also observes the occasion by some personal service. The alumnae are entertained also on a week-end especially set aside. Two other week-ends are reserved for the entertainment of the mothers and fathers of the chapter. Faculty are invited to the house each term to some function. Parties are held on Hallowe'en and at Christmas time, and the seniors are given a dinner and gifts just before commencement. At this time the graduating class leaves a parting gift for the house.

Thirteen of Alpha Kappa's 224 members belong to Phi Beta Kappa and fourteen have been elected to Mortar Board. The chapter recognizes its most outstanding "all around" girl in the freshman class by presenting her with a loving cup.

ALPHA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

September 30, 1921

Early in 1920 four girls at the University of Minnesota formed the local group Alpha Lambda for the purpose of petitioning Alpha Chi Omega. A year and a half later the charter was granted to the group under the same name. Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President, and Martha Y. Bennett, Gamma, installed the chapter on September 30, 1921. They were assisted by alumnae from the vicinity.

The chapter purchased its first home in 1923, and moved into its present house in 1930. This was bought for \$3,000 and remodeled three years later, now being worth \$17,000. It was financed by a loan from the Endowment fund, and a first mortgage held by the *Lyre* investment committee, as well as personal notes. Omicron Omicron owns the property and rents it to the active chapter.

Sixteen girls can be comfortably cared for. The building is white stucco with green trim, modeled after an English design. The entrance



ALPHA LAMBDA'S HOUSE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

hall leads into a large living room with French doors opening upon a broad terrace. A kitchen and maid's room complete the first floor. Upstairs there are nine bedrooms and two baths. In each are built-in wardrobes and dressing tables. Telephone booths are on each floor so that privacy is assured. In the basement are a chapter room, supply rooms, a laundry, and a room especially designed for the town girls, equipped with showers.

Two members of Phi Beta Kappa and three of Mortar Board have been chosen from the 193 initiates.

The chapter has observed Hera Day in a number of interesting ways



ALPHA LAMBDA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Verna Steele, Alice Bartel, Gladys Bacon. Second row: Dorothy Chandler, Genevieve Woolan, Frances Walton, Maude McGuane. Third row: Ramona Keogan, Jeanette Enkema, Leota Hendershot, Hannah Collinge. Bottom row: Katharine Galland, Myrtle Avelsgard, Myrtle Rubbert, Vera Swanson.

Old clothes and food have been collected for needy families, Easter eggs dyed for crippled children, scrap books and toys taken to the University hospital, and little boys from an orphanage entertained at the chapter house. Chief among Alpha Lambda's traditions is the Lyre dinner, held in the fall for all members and alumnae. Here the scholarship awards are presented: a silver cup to the freshman who has made the highest average, a piece of fraternity jewelry to the girl making the greatest improvement, and the honor of her name on the scholarship cup to the senior with the best average. In the spring an alumnae banquet is held, at which the most outstanding senior in scholarship, activities, and chapter service has her name engraved on a plaque. After the banquet the senior class is received into Omicron Omicron, the regular ceremony being used. The chapter holds several dances during the year; after the homecoming game, a pledge dance, the winter formal, and the "Hi-Ball," a benefit dance held at a local hotel. Annual Mother's and Dad's days are observed appropriately. A musical tea is given each year at the home of an alumna with members of both groups participating in the program.

ALPHA MU, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

April 21, 1922

Alpha Mu was the third chapter to be installed in Indiana. Sigma Beta Epsilon was organized to petition Alpha Chi Omega in 1920. Two visits, by Helen Woods Barnum, Alpha, and Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, resulted in the installation of the chapter on April 21, 1922. Officers present at the ceremonies were Mrs. Bennett, Marguerite Clark Miller, Theta, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda. Members of Alpha assisted, including two of the fraternity's founders, Olive Burnett Clark and Bertha Deniston Cunningham. The chapter was most enthusiastically received by the other chapters in the state, and by its own campus. Since its organization it has initiated 239 members. Mortar Board has claimed six of these and Phi Beta Kappa, nine. The chapter's scholarship cup bears the names of the girls making the best average each year. The most outstanding pledge is given her badge at the time of initiation.

The traditional functions of the chapter are the Christmas dinner, followed by carols and the exchange of gifts; a pledge "date" dinner, to which only the pledges and the vice-president of the chapter may go with their guests; an active "date" dinner; and a senior dinner. Each



ALPHA MU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Kathryn Luck, Helen Sebring, Sydney Colescott, Blanche Davidson. Second row: Julia Weghorst, Edna Brown, Mildred Hall, Marietta Sicer. Third row: Martha McCafferty, Olive H. Wylie, Mary Adams, Hazel Bielby. Bottom row: Ruth Wetter, Mae Seward, Dora Bentley, Opal West.

year a party is given for poor children, who are entertained at dinner and given toys, food, and clothing.

In 1926 the chapter built a house in English Cottage style, on a hill overlooking the fraternity quadrangle. The dominant features of the house are its vaulted walls and ceilings, its beautiful furnishings, and spaciousness, as it houses forty-two girls in perfect comfort as well as



ALPHA MU'S HOUSE, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

provides separate chaperon's quarters, a chapter room, and a guest room. The dining room is in the basement and is most attractive.

The Alpha Chi Omega Realty company, formed of alumnæ, financed the entire undertaking. The cost of the new home was \$75,000 and the chapter budget is arranged to insure stated monthly payments on the indebtedness, more than half of which has been liquidated.

ALPHA NU, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

August 25, 1922

Inez Shageman, Alpha Zeta, extension deputy, and Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary-Editor, made visits of inspection to Alpha Nu Beta prior to its installation as Alpha Nu of Alpha Chi Omega. The local group was organized in 1921 and received its charter August 25, 1922. Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President, conducted the ceremonies. She was assisted by Hildegard Herklotz, Gladys Jones,

Helen Kirkpatrick Davenport, Jeannette Brinkman Renkel, Janice Fenton, Ruth Huffman, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, and Gladys Wimmer, all of Alpha Zeta; Arlie Crockett Scott, Nu; Sally Slaughter, Elizabeth James, Helen Jo Crissman, Omicron; and Salome Langmade Randolph, Phi.

The chapter house was built in 1927. It is constructed of tapestried



ALPHA NU'S HOUSE, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

brick and stone with a copper roof. The interior is lovely with period furnishings; large fireplaces are in the living room and chapter room. On the first floor are found the reception hall, music room, living room, dining room, kitchen and butler's pantry, and chaperon's suite. An informal lounge, rooms, and baths for twenty-six girls are on the upper floor. The chapter room, trunk room, and rooms for the cook and houseboy are in the basement.

The house was built at a cost of \$30,000 and was financed by the chapter building fund, a loan from the Endowment fund, and a bond issue.

The pledges give the active chapter an annual house party on Halloween. A Christmas party with carol singing, a spring house party for alumnæ, and a senior breakfast are the chapter's chief traditions. Each year a pledge cup is given to the most outstanding first year girl, and a crested ring to the girl making the greatest scholastic improvement.



ALPHA NU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Leona Morrow, Lee Jenkinson, Ruth Ferris, Helen Marechal, Florence Meisner. Second row: Flotie Waggener, Leona Miller, Helen Morrow, Eliza Musick. Third row: Marian Berry, Edith Allen, Meta Vossbrink, Ruth Miller. Bottom row: Vivien Morrow, Katheryn Delcour, Louise Allen, Florence Russell, Agnes Thumser.

A month's supply of milk or coal, together with food and clothing is given to a needy family each year as the chapter's recognition of Hera Day.

One hundred and seventy-six girls have been initiated by Alpha Nu. Ten of these have been elected to Mortar Board and four to Phi Beta Kappa.

ALPHA XI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MONTANA

May 11, 1923

Alpha Xi began its existence as the Chelys Club, organized by Edna Mowre Swords, Kappa, in 1921. During its probationary period it was visited by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, Council Delegate. On May 11, 1923, Frances Whitmore, Xi, who had taken over Mrs. Brown's office, installed the chapter.

It has become the chapter's custom to give food and clothing to poor families in the town, caring for them all through the year. In addition, entertainment is given at the County Poor Farm in the spring. The annual Christmas dinner is the culmination of a contest between the active and pledge groups, the one having the most activity points being the guest of the other. During rushing, a Rose dinner is always held, and the chapter has adopted Alpha Iota's dream cake. During the week of track meet each year a "Montana Luncheon" is held to entertain about sixty high school girls. The active and alumnae have a reunion in Butte at the time of the annual football game with the State College.

Alpha Xi's Mortar Board members number eight out of the 156 whom the chapter has initiated. Several of these girls have been honored by the group each year. Two cups are awarded for high scholarship and activities; a crested bracelet goes to the best student among the initiates; and a piece of jewelry is given the best all-round pledge by Edith Conklin Jones.

The chapter house was purchased in 1931, after the group had lived in rented quarters for eight years. This \$12,000 Gothic house is painted white, with four massive pillars in front. The first floor consists of an entrance hall, a music room, and two living rooms, all of which may be opened up into one large room for dancing. There is also a spacious dining room, adequate kitchen facilities, and a town girls' room. A winding stairway, mosaic hardwood floors, and several beautiful stained glass windows are unique features. The furnishings include oriental rugs which enhance the beauty of the floors.



ALPHA XI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Isabel Hutchinson, Ruth Bryson, Margaret Harris, Helena Badger. Second row: Mary McCann, Lillian Imislund, Cecelia McKay. Third row: Florence Roethke, Helen Adams, Mary Jane Lucas, Helen McGee. Fourth row: Aileen La Rue, Madge McRae, Doris Kennedy, Helen Kennedy. Bottom row: Alice Hankinson, Ruth McFarlane, Gertrude McCarthy, Helen Faiek. Pictures of Edith Jones, Gladys Dodge, and Myrtle Shaw are missing.

At the head of the staircase is the chaperon's room, then the large front study room in colonial style with a quaint fireplace. This room overlooks a wide balcony. A spacious hallway leads to dressing rooms and an up-to-date bathroom.

On the third floor is a well-ventilated dormitory with accommoda-



ALPHA XI'S HOUSE, MISSOULA, MONTANA

tions for thirty girls, and a storage room and additional closet space.

The chapter owns two lots on Gerald Avenue, which is the "fraternity row." They are beautifully landscaped with a bird bath and fish pond, circular driveway, and a rose garden. Here the chapter hopes to build eventually, but the immediate plans are to remodel the present house, so that a third floor bathroom, additional dressing rooms, and a chapter room, may be added.

ALPHA OMICRON, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

September 14, 1923

On September 14, 1923, Alpha Omicron was installed by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, then Atlantic Province President. She was assisted by Maude Meserve Stoner, Alpha; Helen N. Hough, Beta; Kathryn Johnson Sandford, Phi; and Ida Galbreath, Delta. The group which

formed this chapter had been organized for two years and had received encouragement from Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President. It found itself faced with keen competition, being the nineteenth national chapter to enter the university Panhellenic. In spite of this, it has initiated 151 members, and had two of them elected to Phi Beta Kappa.



ALPHA OMICRON CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Alice Zimmer, Virginia Phillips, Aschah Minnich. Bottom row: Mary Moore, Beatrice Minnich, Lucile Hawkins.

A Mothers' Club was organized a year after the chapter. It entertains the active chapter at dinner each year, and gives much material help to the house. This was purchased in 1930 for \$16,000 by a loan from the Reserve fund, a bond issue, and a mortgage. It is built of dark red brick with a white porch and tall columns running its length. The style of architecture is modern. It is on a corner lot in the fraternity section. The first floor has a living room and sun parlor on one side of the center hall with the dining room, kitchen, and pantry on the other.

The stairway ascends to the second floor in a direct line with the front door. Tall windows run the length of the dining and living rooms, each with a broad window seat. The first floor furnishings are dominantly rust and green. Rooms for fourteen girls and the housemother are found on the second floor, each comfortably and attractively furnished.

Each year the chapter holds open house for alumnæ at Homecom-



ALPHA OMICRON'S HOUSE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

ing. It gives a dinner and a program on Dad's Day and a Mother's Day tea. A scholastic banquet is held in the spring, at which the pledge with the highest average receives the scholarship cup; the most outstanding pledge is given a bracelet, which is an alumnæ award; and the best scholar in the active chapter gets a recognition pin. A dinner for poor children is also an annual event, after which they are given toys and clothing. Whenever possible, baskets are also sent to needy families.

ALPHA PI, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA
November 10, 1923

The local group Chi Delta Phi was organized in 1922 by Irene Tihen, Theta. It was inspected by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnae Vice-President, and on November 10, 1923, was installed as



ALPHA PI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Marion MacMillan, Christine Hubert, Beulah Hulsebus, Isabel O'Neil. Bottom row: Blanche Turner, Jeannette Hillerman, Hana Jacobson, Ruth Farmer. Pictures of Lucille Getchell, Edna Liebler, Margaret Durnin, Gertrude King, Jeannette Kennedy, Beatrice Wellentine, Agnes Aageson, Lee Johnston, Alice Van Buren, Phyllis Evans, Elvina Berg, Lucille Ring, Alice Wold, Nell Martindale, Corrine Dokken, Lulabelle Turner, Charlotte Logan, Evelyn Reep, Marie Wilcox, and Ethel Bendixen are missing.

Alpha Pi by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National Inspector. She was assisted by Florence Davies Sanaker, Zeta; Katherine Galland, Romona Keogan, and Alice Bartel, Alpha Lambda, and Gladys Harris Wilkins, Gamma.

For six years the chapter lived in rented houses, until it was able to

build its own home in 1929. A loan from the Endowment fund, and financing through a building and loan association made possible the \$30,000 building, which was planned for twenty girls.

The architects strove to produce a time-worn effect. The exterior surface appears as if it had at one time been entirely covered with stucco, part of it having crumbled away, revealing the red bricks beneath.



ALPHA PI'S HOUSE, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

Decorative shingles, and an arched entrance constructed of stone, complete the typical French Cottage style.

In the basement are separate rooms for maid and cook with a bath adjoining, a furnace room, storage and trunk rooms, and a laundry.

Entering the main floor of the house one sees a large reception room with a nook having two small built-in davenports. A French fireplace of red brick and plaster is at one end of the long living room, at either side of which are built-in seats with small casement windows above. Two French doors open into the dining room which overlooks a terrace at the west end of the house. A built-in china closet is an added feature of the dining room. A buffet kitchen with built-in cupboards and drawers on all four sides, and a town girls' room, comprise the remainder of the main floor.

A staircase with a wrought iron balustrade leads to the second floor

where five bedrooms, a study with a fireplace, and the housemother's room are located. The latter includes a small second story tower and is completed with a private bath. The main bathroom is provided with showers as well as tubs. On the third floor are four bedrooms and a bath.

The chapter began a custom in 1934 which it hopes to make traditional. A state convention was held in the spring, to which all alumnæ were invited for a general reunion, and for the perfection of rushing plans. This proved very successful, and was whole-heartedly enjoyed by all who attended. Hera Day is always celebrated by supplying some poor family with milk for the month of March. At initiation time the pledge with the highest scholarship receives a crested bracelet and has her name engraved on a plaque which hangs in the dining room.

Alpha Pi's Mothers' Club was begun in 1925. It has always helped the chapter in entertaining and provided the new house with a complete set of dishes, which it replaces when the need arises.

One hundred and thirty-two members have been initiated by the chapter. Six of these have been elected to Mortar Board, and two to Phi Beta Kappa.

ALPHA RHO, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, MOSCOW, IDAHO

May 9, 1924

Alpha Rho was installed May 9, 1924, having existed as a local group little more than a year. Mary Louise Sparks, Tau, organized the group on February 7, 1923. During the year before its acceptance by Alpha Chi Omega, the group issued bonds and built a house, in which the installation was held. Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National Inspector, conducted the ceremony, assisted by all of the members of Omega, who came over from Pullman, nine miles away.

The chapter celebrates Hera Day by giving money to some poor family or by contributing to the community chest. Just before Christmas each year, patronesses of the chapter are entertained at a party. Pledges furnish the entertainment, one feature of which is the presentation of their upperclassmen sisters with decorated paddles. After the annual pledge dance, the active chapter entertains the pledges and gives each an appropriate gift. The senior classmen are guests of the chapter at breakfast each spring.

Thirteen of the 165 initiates of the chapter are members of Mortar Board.

The chapter house was completely remodeled during 1934. The



ALPHA RHO CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Viola Dissault, Esther Kennedy, Maude Carland, Unita Lipps, Ellen Reiersen. Second row: Ida Mathews, Mirth MacArthur, Helen Hibbs, Beryl Wright, Merna Bliss. Third row: Blanche Boyer, Mary Penwell, Sara Jones, Josie Nash. Bottom row: Nellie Green, Frances Noggle, Mildred Evans, Edna Sake. The picture of Marian Sickels is missing.

architecture is colonial, which note is carried out in the furnishings. The exterior is of grey shingles; green shutters and balconies add color and balance. The entrance hall is furnished in maple, with round braided rugs and lovely homespun curtains. The walls are paneled in yellow knotted pine. The housemother's suite, the living room, and the sunroom are directly adjoining the hallway. The sunroom has three large French windows on the south, and French doors on the west opening on the balcony across the front of the house. This room also is



ALPHA RHO'S HOUSE, MOSCOW, IDAHO

furnished in maple. The upholstery, drapes, and rug carry out a rust and green color scheme.

The den may be entered either from the living room or from the sunroom. Comfortable chairs, a small table, lamps, and a radio are the principal furnishings. The colors are amethyst and gold.

The living room is done in turquoise and gold. The luxurious gold drapes used are the same as those in the den. The furniture is walnut, of the Chippendale period, with upholstered pieces in gold and turquoise. A plain brick fireplace is set in a paneled alcove of knotted pine. On either side of the alcove are attractive book shelves. Altogether the room is very beautifully furnished, restful, and livable.

The housemother's suite consists of a cozy sitting room, a bedroom, a bath, and a guest room.

The girls' quarters on the second and third floors are gained by a stairway from the entrance hall. The second floor has nine large rooms which accommodate three girls each. There are two large new shower rooms as well as two bathrooms. The third floor has two study rooms, but the greater part is given over to an airy sleeping porch, large enough for all of the girls in the house.

The dining room in the basement is completely pine panelled and very lovely. The kitchen is equipped with a new gas range and electric refrigerator. A furnace room, store room, and smoking room are also in the basement. The complete cost of the remodeled property is \$28,000. Both the original purchase and the repairs were financed by a bond issue.

ALPHA SIGMA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, OHIO

May 9, 1924

Louise Ludlum Baker, Kappa, and May Smyth, Alpha Eta, installed Alpha Sigma. Mrs. Baker and Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President, had visited the petitioning group, Alpha Lambda Iota, which had been organized in 1922. All active members of Alpha Omicron and Alpha Eta as well as many alumnae assisted at the installation on May 9, 1924, the same date as Alpha Rho's birthday.

The chapter has 155 initiates, seven of whom are members of Phi Beta Kappa and two of Mortar Board. It is customary for Alpha Sigma to hold a Christmas party and exchange ten-cent gifts with original verses attached. A homecoming breakfast and a senior banquet are held each year. The week prior to initiation, active members of the chapter are served breakfast in bed by the pledges. Hera Day observance has taken many forms, among which are parties given for underprivileged children and a donation of kitchen equipment made to a school in Delaware which serves free lunches to its undernourished students.

The university does not permit house ownership, requiring all students to live in the dormitories. A small house is rented by the chapter for its meetings and entertainments. The owner of the house acts as official hostess. It is a tan brick bungalow, the grounds beautifully planted with shrubs, located about two blocks from the dormitories.

Alpha Sigma is unique in its house, since all other groups on the campus rent rooms or apartments in some of the older and less attractive houses in the town.

The front door opens into an attractive music room, furnished with



ALPHA SIGMA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Margaret Babb, Martha Laughlin, Leah Jeffries. Second row: Dorothy Whipple, Suzanne Starr, Lois Schwartz, Helen Page, Clarine Morehouse. Third row: Frances Hughes, Helen Gethman, Gladys Garber, Opal Altha, Julia Ludman. Bottom row: Dorothy Conger, Dorothea Cruikshank, Margaret Sanner, Juvia Couch, Karis Brewster.

comfortable davenports and softly shaded lamps. To the left is a bedroom, which connects by a small hallway with the bathroom. At the end of this hall is the bedroom occupied by the housemother, and beyond this is a shiny kitchen. Opposite the bath and bedroom is the large living room, which runs the entire length of the house. This serves as a



ALPHA SIGMA'S HOUSE, DELAWARE, OHIO

chapter room, and also as the social center. It has a beautiful fireplace, which is ideal for "cozy" hours. Beyond this is the dining room with another small lounge opening from it.

The general color scheme is green and rust. Two large divans and several overstuffed chairs make the living room comfortable. The kitchen is furnished in red and white from waste baskets and dishes to tea towels.

ALPHA TAU, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 24, 1924

Pi Alpha Phi, the group which became Alpha Tau chapter, was the first organization for women to be established at the University of New Hampshire. Begun in 1913 it petitioned Alpha Chi Omega five years, but was not visited by a representative of the fraternity until 1923. Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President, inspected it with the result that a charter was granted, and the chapter installed June 24, 1924, at the national convention assembled in Swampscott, Massachusetts. Alpha Tau is the only chapter to have been installed by

the entire fraternity. Alpha Epsilon conducted the pledging ceremony and Zeta initiated the charter members with the whole convention as audience.

The chapter purchased its home in 1927 for \$15,000. It is a white clapboard colonial building, typically New England, surrounded by fruit trees. It was the home of one of the university professors, but with slight modifications was made to suit the needs of the group admirably. Fifteen girls and the hostess can be comfortably housed. On the first floor is a comfortable living room, with a fireplace and polished brass



ALPHA TAU'S HOUSE, DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

andirons. Adjoining is the dining room, shut off by folding doors which can be thrown back when the chapter entertains. Mahogany gate-leg tables and windsor chairs made this room attractive, and facilitate the ease with which rooms may be cleared. A pantry and kitchen are behind the dining room. The chaperon's bed-sitting room and lavatory are also on the main floor. The second and third floors are entirely made up of bedrooms, one of these being single, the rest accommodating two or three girls. A bath is on each floor. Each room has a study table and a dresser for each girl, but the closets must be shared. Light paper and bright colored drapes make these rooms attractive, and the decorations of each reflect the taste of the occupants.

Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board are not represented at New Hampshire. Their counterparts are Phi Kappa Phi, to which sixteen of



ALPHA TAU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Ruth Finn, Elvira Dillon, Camille Hudon. Second row: Marion Nims, Eleanor Atwood, Alice Osgood. Third row: Vivian Landman, Gertrude McNally, Elizabeth Tibbetts. Bottom row: Lillian Hudon, Beatrice Noyes, Alice Dudley.

the chapter's 118 members have been elected, and Cap and Gown, which claims thirteen. A scholarship cup is presented to the senior who has made the greatest improvement since her freshman year.

Each year the chapter holds a May Day breakfast, to which the dean of women is invited as guest of honor. A Christmas party, and a spring dance at Colony Cove are other usual social events. A donation is made to some charitable organization each year or milk is supplied to needy families.

The chapter's Mothers' Club assists the chapter financially and helps redecorate the house when necessary.

ALPHA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

September 9, 1924

In 1923 a group to petition the fraternity was organized at the University of Alabama by Verna Tyler Kroh, Kappa. It was visited by



ALPHA UPSILON CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Louise Mitchell, Edith May Cole, Juanita Cameron, Ermine Walker, Mary Brinskelle. Bottom row: Mattie Sue Whatley, Gwendolyn Baird, Medora Cole.

Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National Inspector, and installed September 9, 1924, by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate. She was assisted by Mrs. Kroh and seven Tau alumnæ, Kate and Beattie Quin, Eleanor Reed, Nell McElhanney, Mary Gay, Mary Porter Baldwin, and Marion Millar Pollack.

Three years later the chapter had completed its house, at a cost of \$15,500. The reserve fund and the University of Alabama both helped to make this possible. The house is colonial, of white clapboard. Downstairs are a spacious living room and dining room and two lovely sun



ALPHA UPSILON'S HOUSE, UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

parlors, one on either side of the house; there are also a library, rooms for chaperon and guests with accompanying bath, and adequate kitchen conveniences. Upstairs are seven dressing rooms, a large bath with showers and a spacious sleeping porch which can accommodate eighteen girls. The third floor was left unfinished until 1934, when it was completed to accommodate four girls. The tiled terrace along the front of the house was shaded at the same time with a gay awning on wrought iron standards, and furnished with attractive porch chairs.

Mortar Board has elected five of Alpha Upsilon's 115 members and Phi Beta Kappa has elected three.

Hera Day is celebrated by giving a program of entertainment at the Veterans' Hospital.

ALPHA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS

September 13, 1924

The organization of a local group, Alpha Chi Alpha, at the University of Texas was effected upon the suggestion of the dean of women



ALPHA PHI CHARTER MEMBERS

Left row, top to bottom: Margaret Young, Helen Easley, Mabel Mansell, Kathryne Sullivan. Center row: Dorothy Whaley, Llerena Friend, Corrie Phifer. Right row: Texas Kettle, Etelka Schmidt, Nelle Sparks, Wilma Kilpatrick. The picture of Elfreda Littlejohn is missing.

and Marie Miller Blair, Alpha, who made two trips from Houston to aid and encourage the girls. This was the first local women's fraternity to exist openly at the university; previously groups remained *sub rosa*. In February 1924, Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President, came to Austin on a visit of inspection. The formal petition was submitted in June and the charter was granted by vote of the Swampscott convention. The chapter was installed on the thirteenth of September following, by Mrs. Roberts, assisted by El Fleda Coleman Jackson, Gamma; Carrie Will Coffman and Emma Jane Coffman, Psi; Flora Robinson, Delta; Laura Harris, Tau; Pauline Shortess Miller, Kappa; and Louise Daniel and Sally Lee Masters Scott, Zeta. Mrs. Roberts remained with the girls for several months as coörganizer.

Each year the most representative girl in the chapter has her name inscribed on a loving cup. Three of the chapter's 112 members have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and one to Mortar Board.

The traditional events of the year include Sunday night buffet suppers, an open house each semester, an initiation breakfast, and a spring formal dance. On Hera Day, old clothes, toys, and food are taken to the Mexican settlement to be used for poor relief.

Alpha Phi does not own its chapter house, but rents an attractive white clapboard home, trimmed in green. It was built at the turn of the century and its true American architecture furnishes a pleasant contrast to the Spanish architectural influence so prevalent in the Southwest. It is set high on a terrace, which is beautifully planted. Old-fashioned crepe myrtle trees, flowering shrubs, and rose bushes fill the front yard and Dusty Miller lines the flower beds. The spacious backyard boasts plum and peach trees, and a rock-bordered iris bed.

The interior of the house is in keeping with the period of its architecture with its high ceilings, large rooms, fireplaces, and mirrored mantelpieces. Downstairs there is the reception hall, living room, dining room, back hall, kitchen and bath. Particularly quaint is the stained glass window at the landing on the staircase leading out of the reception hall. French doors open onto the front porch from the east end of the living room.

Blue and rust are used in the furniture and draperies downstairs. Overstuffed chairs and divans, and occasional windsor chairs produce a comfortably modern effect. The walls are done in ivory with mahogany woodwork. Two oil prints, *The Age of Innocence* and Rembrandt's *The Laughing Cavalier* hang in the living room along with two Vien-

nese etchings and a small water-color etching of the flower stands in Rome, presented to Alpha Phi by Mrs. Roberts.

Upstairs there are three large bedrooms, which will accommodate four girls each; one small single room, and shower room, the bathroom,



ALPHA PHI'S HOUSE, AUSTIN, TEXAS

and the sleeping porch. All of the rooms have fireplaces and high ceilings. Color schemes in the bedrooms are left up to the individual occupants. All of the walls are done in ivory with ivory woodwork. Both of the baths are done in green and white.

The house was completely renovated in September, 1930, and is a comfortable home for eighteen girls and the hostess.

ALPHA CHI, BUTLER UNIVERSITY, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 28, 1925

Beta Beta saw its hopes for an active chapter realized in the installation of Alpha Chi at Butler University on February 28, 1925. Three years before this Bernice Avery Smith, Alpha, helped her niece, then a freshman, to organize Beta Chi. The group was inspected by Louise Ludlum Baker, Kappa, in 1924. When the Eastern Province met in convention the following year the chapter was formally installed by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate, assisted by Anne Frank-



ALPHA CHI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Eleanor Coryell, Dorothy Patterson, Leila Shipman. Second row: Dorothy Coryell, Dorothy Dale, Dorothea Berger, Martha Steel Corya, Dorothy Brown. Third row: La Donna Lamb, Georgiana Rockwell, Leota Miller, Opal Perrin, Katharine Smith. Fourth row: Mary Lewis, Virginia Curtis, Naomi Lookabill, Julia Patton, Josephine Lewis. Bottom row: Helen Erber, Julia Bretzman, Elizabeth Anderson, Dorothy Dipple, Bernice Abbott.

lin Goodyear, Theta, Olive Burnett Clark, Alpha, and members of all the chapters present. The annual state luncheon preceded the installation, and the state dance was held the following evening.

While the chapter was still petitioning a Mothers' Club was formed which now numbers fifty active members. These have always been interested in the welfare of the group and have given it much social and material help. They hold monthly meetings at the chapter house. The chapter gives an annual tea for the Founders of the fraternity, held as near October 15 as possible. Open house to introduce the new pledges is held each year, and parents are entertained at a Christmas party. Each May Day the chapter gives a breakfast for girls who plan to enter the university in the fall. Another breakfast is held late in the spring for graduating seniors. A program of songs and entertainment is given each Hera Day at the German Old Folks Home in Indianapolis.

Scarlet Quill is the counterpart of Mortar Board on the Butler campus. Eleven from the chapter have been elected to it, and seven to Phi Beta Kappa. The total enrollment of Alpha Chi is 164. The outstanding girls are honored by three awards. The initiate with the highest average receives her badge; the most active pledge is presented with a silver cup; and the chapter scholarship cup has engraved on it the name of the member whose scholarship is best.

From its installation until 1935, the chapter lived in a rented house, and planned for the time when it could build. On September 8 ground was broken for the new lodge, the architect's drawing of which is pictured. The house will be of modern architecture, chosen because of its pleasing simplicity, economy of construction, and adaptability to the needs of a fraternity. The total cost of the lodge, lot, and furnishings will not exceed \$25,000.

Materials which serve both structural and design purposes will be used in construction. The walls will be of masonry cinder block, painted white on the exterior and decorated in the rooms. A new material, glass brick, will be used in a section of the trophy room wall. The plans provide for a first floor, part second floor, and basement. The first floor will consist of a trophy room, a studio living room with built-in concealed trough lighting, a dining hall with three pairs of French doors opening upon a flagstone terrace, a town girls' room, chaperon and guest rooms, and a kitchen.

Wood panels with chromium bands will form the stairway enclosure at the west end of the living room. A massive fireplace of decorated



ALPHA CHI'S FUTURE HOME, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

cinder block will rise fifteen feet to the ceiling at the opposite end of the room. The town girls' room will have provision for vanities, bookshelves, and study tables. Black linoleum will cover the kitchen floor, where all the fixtures will be white.

On the second floor will be a chapter room, dormitory, and bath, accommodating eight girls. An oil burner and air conditioner will be found in the basement of this interesting lodge.

ALPHA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 27, 1926

The State Normal School at Los Angeles became the Southern Branch of the University of California in 1919. Early the next year the local group, Alpha Phi Gamma, was formed, which became Alpha Psi chapter on March 27, 1926. Nearly one hundred members of the fraternity assisted at the installation, which was conducted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate, and Hazel Wilkinson Otto, Epsilon.

In 1929 the entire campus was moved to a new and spacious location in Westwood. The chapter there built a \$34,000 chapter house, which is owned by the alumnae association. It is located on Sorority Row where twenty-eight other chapters have homes. On a hilltop, it overlooks the campus; and from the second floor the ocean may be glimpsed on certain days. The house faces west toward the Pacific which is five or six miles away. The architecture is Spanish. There is a lawn in front and a colorful patio and garden to the rear. The house is surrounded by shrubbery, and pepper and banana trees.

In the entrance hall facing the tiled stairway and the second floor



ALPHA PSI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Helen Gray, Lois Starck, Helen Small, Dorothy Adams. Second row: Mary Ester Evans, Dorothy Snyder, Irma Sorter, Caroline Winans. Third row: Miriam Wilkinson, Helen Pease, Lucille Parker, Adelaide Starck. Bottom row: Virginia Botsford, Velma Reid, Pearl Steele, Silvia Hickey.

hallway, is a large window extending upwards almost to the ceiling. It is leaded-stained glass with the fraternity coat-of-arms inset.

A long living room stretches across the front of the house. There is a fireplace at one end with a large coat-of-arms hanging above it. French windows facing west open onto the porch. Arched entrances lead into the dining room and patio. The dining room has three large French windows giving access to the patio. To the right of the entrance hall is



ALPHA PSI'S HOUSE, WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

the library and reception room. Off the main hallway is the town girls' room, modernistic in black and silver, and equipped with lockers and dressing-tables. There is a large kitchen with modern equipment; a butler's pantry; and a cook's room and a maid's room with bath between.

The general furnishings are Monterey style. The chapter room is quite striking with white furniture, white drapes, red leather seats on benches and chairs and a soft rich green carpet covering the floor.

Sixteen girls can live comfortably in this attractive house. The hostess has her own private suite, a living room, bedroom, and bath.

Traditional in the chapter is the custom of appointing an alumna to look out for the welfare of each new initiate. The chapter's adviser makes these appointments at the initiation breakfast. The pledges give a dance for the chapter each year, following rush week. Two other

dances are customary events, at Christmas and in the spring. This latter is a dinner-dance. Graduating seniors are given plaques bearing the fraternity coat-of-arms at the annual senior breakfast. Each semester the pledge having the highest average is awarded a cup which was given to the chapter by one of its alumnæ. The active having the highest grades has her name placed on a plaque.

In all there are 182 initiates of Alpha Psi chapter. Four of these have been elected to Prytanean, which is the senior honor society.

ALPHA OMEGA, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

April 9, 1926

For four years the local group Kappa Lambda at Birmingham-Southern College worked to become a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. During that time it was visited by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National Inspector, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate, and Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President. Finally on April 9, 1926, Alpha Omega was installed by Mrs. Roberts, assisted by Verna Tyler Kroh, Kappa, and Alpha Upsilon chapter.

Alpha Omega has always emphasized scholarship. There is no chapter of Phi Beta Kappa or of Mortar Board on the campus, but the senior honorary organization, The Scroll, is petitioning the latter. To it have been elected eleven of the chapter's eighty-nine members. Each year the name of the best student in the group is engraved on a loving cup.

Every spring the chapter gives a faculty tea, which is unique on the campus. A Mother's Day tea is another annual event, as are the chapter breakfast following a sunrise pledging service, the Founders' Day banquet, and the "spend the night" party before the biggest football game of the year, followed by breakfast with the alumnæ. Two house parties serve to bring the group together each year, one held the first three days of Christmas vacation, and the other during the summer, to which rushees are invited. Baskets of food and clothing are given each year to poor families, and the chapter entertained at the Children's hospital and the Old Folks' home on Hera Day.

House ownership is not permitted at Birmingham-Southern. Each social group has quarters in the Stockham Women's building, which is in the campus quadrangle. On the first floor, stretching across the front of the building is a reception room, done in Colonial period furniture. This is used by all of the groups for their large parties, teas, and "at homes." Also on this floor is the dean of women's office, the Y.W.C.A.



ALPHA OMEGA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Inez Cross, Katherine Cross, Charlotte Dugger. Second row: Margaret Hanes, Mildred Baker, Lucile Davis, Regina Moreno, Margaret Martin. Third row: Mabel Nesbitt, Beatrice Overall, Grace Godfrey, Ruth Davidson, Mary McLaren. Fourth row: Louise Nesbitt, Mildred Orr, Bertha Cummins, Maude Moore, Miriam Baker. Bottom row: Maxine Massie, Evelyn Johnson, Mary Walter Smyer, Lucille Hanes Murphree, Virginia Hill. Pictures of Bessie Fossett, Mayme Bagley, Ann Phillips, Helen Albert, Elsie Nesbitt, Grace Wiggins, Marjorie Sayer, Clara Warren, Mary Carmichael, Sallie Roe, and Louise Rowland are missing.

rooms, the kitchen, and an apartment for the building chaperon. In the basement is a very modern, well-equipped gymnasium with shower baths, and individual lockers for the girls. On the second floor each chapter has a large room, kitchenette, and closet. Alpha Omega's room is done in period furniture in keeping with the reception room and the



ALPHA OMEGA'S CHAPTER ROOM, WOMEN'S BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

building. Duncan Phyfe reproductions, a baby grand piano, and beautiful oriental rugs were made possible by the chapter's building fund. Probably no chapter houses will ever be permitted at this college which is located in a large city, and the attractive room which the chapter has furnished is the most adequate and desirable gathering place.

BETA GAMMA, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

October 29, 1926

In 1922, Zeta Sigma was organized at the Louisiana State University, and petitioned Alpha Chi Omega two years later. Four visitors from the fraternity came to the chapter at intervals before the charter was granted, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President; Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National President, and Hazel Eckhart, Theta, Secretary-



BETA GAMMA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Thelma Eikel, Lucile Otey, Irene Reeder. Second row: Marguerite Hays, Lillian Noel, Ava Gates, Grace Wallace. Third row: Bernice Martin, Bessie Currow, Carolyn Tiebout, Joyce Carroll. Bottom row: Leila Norwood, Mildred Bergey, Marjorie Harp, Inez Cocke. Pictures of Lilla McLure, Eloise Kelley, Katherine Singletary, Viola Mae Barlow Perkins, Gussie Mae Copper, Virginia Taylor, and Edrie Wimberly Albrecht are missing.

Editor. Mrs. Roberts installed Beta Gamma chapter on October 29, 1926. She was assisted by Emma Jane Coffman, Psi; Madeline Peyton, Tau; Jean Loomis Burns, Pi; Grace Bacon Purcelle, Iota; Eleanor Marsten, Alpha Zeta; Lucile Bridgers, Alpha; Evelyn Johnson, Alpha; Mildred Orr, Alpha; Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Jones, Zeta; Sylvia Christley Kellog, Alpha.

From 1929 to 1933 the chapter had a very attractive lodge which it used for its meeting and entertainments. The whole university campus was moved to a new site, so the property had to be given up. Since that time the chapter, like every other group, has held its meetings in a small room in the basement of one of the dormitories, which the university permits it to use rent free. The university plans to build houses for all the groups, the project to be started in 1936.

Beta Gamma has initiated 110 members. Five of these belong to the senior honorary society, which became a chapter of Mortar Board in the spring of 1935. The pledge with the highest average is given a cup by the chapter and the most outstanding initiate receives her badge as the chapter's gift.

The chapter has thirteen patronesses who organized the Mothers' Club in 1930. This group gives the chapter two parties each year, entertains rushees, and serves refreshments to the chapter at one meeting each month. It plans to assist the girls in furnishing their future home.

The most interesting custom of the chapter is the annual camp. Each summer the active and pledge members take rushees to a camp on Lake St. John, where they spend several weeks of swimming, boating, fishing, and horseback riding.

BETA DELTA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

April 8, 1927

Althea Hunt, Delta, helped organize Alpha Beta Chi in 1926 at the College of William and Mary for the purpose of petitioning Alpha Chi Omega. Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President, visited the group soon thereafter, and the formal petition was sent to the Council that same year. The chapter was installed April 8, 1927. The entire Southern Province assisted in the ceremonies, which were outstanding events of the convention then in session at Williamsburg. Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National President, and Addie Welch Crosby, Tau, the Province President, conducted the installation, which was held in the Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, in a room which is a



BETA DELTA CHARTER MEMBERS

(1) Josephine Herndon; (2) Virginia Shawen; (3) Willie Bailey; (4) Ruth Burton; (5) Reva Payne; (6) Noma Fuqua; (7) Laura Colvin; (8) Phyllis Hughes; (9) Alice Trevvett; (10) Kathleen Alsop; (11) Josephine Freeman; (12) Leila Jackson; (13) Catherine Carter; (14) Lovie Clinard; (15) Margaret Howie; (16) Mary Quick; (17) Pauline Landis; (18) De Ette Jones; (19) Alice Kaufman. Pictures of Merilla Hicks, Margaret Johnson, and Delia Rawlings are missing.

reproduction of the Apollo Room of the Old Raleigh Tavern where the first fraternity was organized in 1776.

Eleven members of the 116 initiated by Beta Delta have been honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa and ten have been taken into Mortar Board. The chapter rewards high scholarship by presenting a bracelet to the pledge with the best initiation average. One member of the chapter, De Ette Jones Mitchell, has been chosen to serve the fraternity as President of the Southern Province, and another, Dorothy Brown Reitz, became one of the National Counsellors in 1935.



BETA DELTA'S HOUSE, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Since Beta Delta was installed, it has been interested in a poor family of blind folk which it has aided each year. On Hera Day each girl does some additional personal act of charity. It has always been customary for the chapter to go caroling on the campus at some time during the week immediately before the Christmas holidays. A senior picnic is another annual event, held in May at Yorktown beach.

Before 1928, Beta Delta occupied the only women's chapter house on its campus. This it rented from the college. During that summer, the college built the English Colonial brick house where the chapter now lives. Four other chapter houses have subsequently been erected on the

same court. All were designed by the college architect, in accord with the other buildings of the town. All Williamsburg is being restored to its original historic appearance by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. New buildings throughout the entire town must be of authentic Colonial design, so that there may be no discordant note in the recaptured Early American atmosphere.

The Alpha Chi Omega house is valued at \$27,000. It was built to care for nineteen girls and the hostess, who has her own suite with private bath. Within the house, the colonial promise of the exterior is carried out. Spacious living rooms are separated by a broad entrance hall. Adjoining these, on one side are the dining room and kitchen, and on the other side is the chaperon's suite. Early American furniture and chintz drapes make the house cozy and attractive, and the open fireplaces add their cheer to the homelike atmosphere.

BETA EPSILON, MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

February 11, 1928

The Alpha Chi society was organized in 1926 at Michigan State College. Inspected by Lou Babcock, Beta, Council Delegate, the group was installed as Beta Epsilon chapter on February 11, 1928. The Michigan State luncheon was held in East Lansing at this time, so that many delegates were present to assist in the ceremonies, which were conducted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National Inspector; Miss Babcock, Icy Frost Bridge, Alpha; Bernice Rowe Wright, Theta; and Blanche Breckenridge Dirks, Iota.

In 1929 the chapter built its house, at a cost of \$28,000. This was made possible through the kindness and interest of Mr. and Mrs. Dirks, who helped finance the property. To them the chapter room is dedicated, an inscription in their honor being set over the fireplace. The house is Dutch Colonial, gray shingled, with white trim. It is set on a corner lot, surrounded by beautiful old elms. The brass-knocked heavy white door opens into a long hallway, from which arched doors open into the living room on the left. A rough tan brick fireplace reaches to the ceiling, and gives a color note to the entire room, which is carried out and supplemented in the green and tan furnishings and drapes. Lyre end-tables and lamps complete the charm of this room, which is further enhanced by beautiful oriental rugs. The entire main floor has similar rugs, which were selected by Mrs. Dirks. At the far end of the living room a sunroom is attractively furnished in bright wicker.



BETA EPSILON CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Frances Davis, Nina Evans, Shirley Mixer, Ellen Clemens, Irene Leavengood. Second row: Ruth Bowen, Elizabeth Day, Marian Allerton, Robena Wood, Elizabeth Smith. Third row: Clara Wilson, Dorothy Hartman, Jane Piatt, Mary Elizabeth Mixer, Marjorie Ashley. Fourth row: Jessie Kuhn, Ruth Osthaus, Grace Reynolds, Mildred Everingham, Margaret Wilson. Bottom row: Irene Chapin, Donna Werback, Margery Barnard, Elizabeth Gillis, Winifred Kalchthaler.

Across the hall, another arched doorway leads into the music room with its radio and grand piano. Behind this is the chaperon's suite, a bed-sitting room, dressing room, and bath.

The dining room, kitchen, and chapter room are all in the basement. The second and third floors are quite similar in plan, each having a dormitory, five study rooms, and a bath. In addition, on the second



BETA EPSILON'S HOUSE, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

floor is a guest room, attractively furnished and with its own private shower. Throughout, the windows are curtained in sheer crossed voile tie-backs, all alike.

The chapter has given 142 initiates to the fraternity. Two are members of Mortar Board, and five of Phi Kappa Phi, the senior scholastic fraternity. A bracelet is passed on from year to year to the pledge with the best scholarship. An award for the greatest improvement is made, and each president receives from her predecessor a tiny gold gavel on a chain to be worn as a necklace.

Each year the chapter gives a party for foreign-born children, and contributes to the welfare organization. An annual slumber party follows pledging, and a buffet supper is always given at homecoming for the alumnæ. Each year the chapter holds a "clean-up week" during which the entire group cleans house and takes care of any necessary renovations. Beta Epsilon has adopted the Dream Cake ceremony, which it uses in rushing. A Founders' Day banquet and a dinner-dance complete the customary activities.

BETA ZETA, WHITMAN COLLEGE, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

November 9, 1928

Two years before its installation as Beta Zeta of Alpha Chi Omega, Theta Chi Theta was organized at Whitman College. Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, Rho, and Lou Babcock, Beta, Council Delegate, visited the group, resulting in its acceptance by the fraternity. The ceremonies were conducted by Ada Dickie Hamblen, Beta, Province President, and Frances Hindman Johnson, Rho, on November 9, 1928. Local alumnæ, including Elizabeth Stine Casper, Gamma, Beulah Kelley Scheese, Omega, and Marion Berry Averill, Omega, who had helped the local group, assisted with the installation.



BETA ZETA'S CHAPTER ROOM, PRENTISS HALL
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON



BETA ZETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Ethel Bown, Selma Tontz, Anita Hughes, Yvonne Ravasse, Houston McKissack. Second row: Dorothy Kelly, Marion Garrett, Elizabeth Clary, Helen Brekke, Clara Gross, Dorothy Ferrel. Third row: Nancy Harris, Arlene Howard, Mildred Ehrel, Kathryn Harmon, Helen Louise Shell, Ilabelle Shanahan. Fourth row: Ruth Goss, Pauline Greenway, Leonore Martin, Marion George, Evelyn Klink, Emily Menefee. Bottom row: Eleanore Dunlap, Gladys Bengé, Hilda Gaylord, Mary Louise Reed, Velma Harris, Lucy Bell.

The college does not permit house ownership. All fraternity girls live in their own special section of the dormitories, and each group has a chapter room in the basement. Beta Zeta's section accommodates nineteen girls. The chapter room is comfortably furnished. A small kitchenette and an ample storage closet completes the chapter's living quarters.

A scholarship necklace is awarded by the chapter to the sophomore having made the best average the preceding year. A loving cup goes to the junior who has done most for the group. Seventeen members of the chapter's 122 have been honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board, ten to the former, and seven to the latter.

A Mothers' Club, formed in 1932, has built up a loan fund to aid any needy girl within the chapter, and furnishes new equipment for the rooms and kitchen when needed.

Hera Day has been observed in various ways by the chapter, but in 1934 a project was found that the group plans to make traditional. Children from the welfare league were entertained for an afternoon by games and an Easter egg hunt, served refreshments, and sent home with gifts of toys and clothing.

At Thanksgiving time each year the chapter has a fireside; an annual party for alumnæ is held in May, when the junior cup is awarded; and the chapter's adviser, Mrs. Casper, each year gives a party at her home following rushing.

BETA ETA, FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

March 29, 1929

Beta Eta was installed March 29, 1929, after the local group, Delta Phi, had been visited by Esther Barney Wilson, Beta. The ceremonies were conducted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, assisted by Elizabeth Rhodes, Alpha Epsilon, Council Delegate; Addie Weltch Crosby, Tau, Southern Province President; Mrs. Wilson, and Bernice Deetz, Upsilon.

One hundred and eight members have been initiated in the six years of the chapter's life. Four are members of Mortar Board and ten of the scholastic honorary organization, Phi Kappa Phi.

Three cups are awarded by the chapter each year, to the best scholar, the best campus representative, and the best all-round girl within the pledge group.

Beta Eta's home is a rambling two-story frame building which was a



BETA ETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Mary Louise Boulware, Mary Bryan, Bessie Chiles, Jane Conibear, Sara Ellis, Mary Finnerly, Thelma Goodbread, Mildred Greene, Gladys Gunn, Margaret Hatch, Marion Hendry, Sara Henderson, Mildred Hogg, Sara Jane McCormack, Mary McCall, Beatrice Owens, Marie Payne, Francis Paxon, Emily Pringle, Elizabeth Poole, Mildred Register, Thelma Shad, Marie Vasquez, Dorothy Webb, Katherine Wilson, Elizabeth White.



BETA ETA'S HOUSE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

private home before it was purchased by the chapter for \$16,000 in 1929. It is set back from the street and has a wide porch along two sides, deeply banked by tropical shrubbery. The house is shaded by several huge old pecan trees. Smaller flowering trees and bushes fill the garden.

The house is divided by a wide hall. On the left, furnished in rust with gold hangings, is a long drawing room; in the back is the butler's pantry and the ivory and green kitchen. On the right of the hall is the blue and gold library with a sun-porch opening from it; and behind these is the housemother's apartment. This consists of a bedroom and private bath. Fifteen girls live in the house, and fill it to capacity.

Every afternoon tea is served very informally in the chapter house, and on Sunday the group invites faculty and other friends. Two parties, one given by the pledges, the other for them, are annual events, as is the spring house party held just after the college closes. To this are invited alumnæ and rushees, as well as members of the active and pledge chapters.

Hera Day activity has assumed varied forms. Money is usually contributed to the Children's Clinic; the settlement house is presented with gifts of food and clothing; and in 1934, Beta Eta made layettes for the welfare board.

BETA THETA, LAWRENCE COLLEGE, APPLETON, WISCONSIN

February 20, 1930

On February 20, 1930, the twenty-seven-year-old local group Alpha Gamma Phi at Lawrence College became Beta Theta of Alpha Chi Omega. Alumnæ from Gamma, Kappa, and Delta living in Appleton had long been interested in the group and had finally brought about its contact with Alpha Chi Omega. It petitioned in 1928, and was visited thereafter by Lou Babcock, Beta, Council Delegate; Hazel Eckhart, Theta, Secretary-Editor; and Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, Central Province President. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, was chief installing officer and was assisted by Mrs. Uncapher, Mildred Blacklidge, Lambda, National Secretary, and Anna M. Tarr, Delta.

The chapter holds an annual party on its birthday, which is given by the pledges for the active group. All attend dressed as children. A party is also given for poor children each March. The chapter also gives milk for poor children in a local school, and aids the city relief by sewing.



BETA THETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Helen Baivier, Elizabeth Hayden, Frances Barker, Clara Bunde, Ruth Lewis. Second row: Maxine Fraser, Bernice Knospe, Lucille Kranhold, Helen Kavel. Pictures of Norma Burns, Ruth Parkinson, and Florence Olbert are missing.

A Mothers' Club was organized in 1932. This group assists the active chapter in its social affairs, and supplies furnishings for the chapter room. The university does not allow house ownership, but has provided



BETA THETA'S CHAPTER ROOM, PANHELLENIC BUILDING
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

a Panhellenic building in which all the chapters on the campus have apartments. These each consist of two rooms, a kitchenette, and ample closet space. In 1933, Beta Theta refurnished its apartment from its building fund. The girls themselves made all the curtains and drapes, and their rooms are attractively and tastefully decorated. The building can be used until 11:00 P.M., and is constantly occupied not only for meetings, but for studying and entertaining.

The chapter has initiated seventy-six. Five are members of Phi Beta Kappa and six of Mortar Board.

BETA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO

April 23, 1930

In January, 1928, Delta Sigma which was to become Beta Iota of Alpha Chi Omega was organized. The contact with the fraternity was made through Mrs. Fred Brigden, National Vice-President of Alpha Gamma Delta, who suggested petitioning to the group, and wrote Alpha Chi Omega's National President in regard to the matter. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, thereupon visited Toronto, and later Lou Babcock, Council Delegate, paid a second visit. The chapter was installed on April 23, 1930, by Mrs. Van Auken, Miss Babcock, Mildred Blackledge, Alpha, National Secretary, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, Council Delegate. Delegates from the Atlantic Province and from Theta and Beta Epsilon assisted.

Eighty-four have been initiated by Beta Iota, one of whom, Ruth Campbell, serves the fraternity as Atlantic Province President. Since its installation, the chapter has observed Hera Day each year by going to the Thistletown Hospital for Children to entertain them and to take toys. A play room in the building has been furnished by Beta Iota and each year something is added to it. The chapter holds an annual luncheon on its birthday, and gives a Christmas party. At this latter, gifts and supplies are brought to the Christmas tree to be packed and distributed to needy families. After final examinations the chapter goes to some summer resort for a week's houseparty, where rushing plans for the coming year are completed, and where actives, pledges, and alumnae become closely acquainted.

The chapter awards a bracelet, given by Psi Psi, to the pledge having the highest scholarship each year.



BETA IOTA CHARTER MEMBERS

(1) Evelyn Rowan, (2) Margaret Soule, (3) Helen Wright, (4) Betty Maher, (5) Amelia Martin, (6) Beatrice Webster, (7) Irene Fitzsimons, (8) Doris Lampham, (9) Ruth Campbell, (10) Marion Harding, (11) Flora McDonald, (12) Jane Ross, (13) Margot McDonald, (14) Helen Fisher, (15) Jane Grey, (16) Marjorie Howell, (17) Jean MacKinnon, (18) Marjorie Bonney, (19) Nina Marks, (20) Margaret McKenzie, (21) Jean Fraser, (22) Marie Pollock, (23) Helen MacDonald, (24) Mildred McQuire, (25) Marion Bond, (26) Margaret Dixon, (27) Dorothy Park, (28) Betty Hooley, (29) Margaret Hamilton, (30) Mary MacAndrew, (31) Marion Bodwell, (32) Muriel McKinnon, (33) Jean Hughes.

A Mothers' Club was organized before the chapter was installed which has functioned ever since. It assists the girls with their entertaining and supplies them with a place in which to hold their house-parties.

Since the vast majority of members of the group are drawn from Toronto, a small apartment for meetings and social events amply fills the chapter's needs. The door of the apartment opens into a hallway which leads through to the living room. At teas and other activities



BETA IOTA'S APARTMENT, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

held in the apartment, weather permitting, Beta Iota likes to have a crackling fire blazing in the fireplace at one end.

One special feature of the dining room which adjoins the living room are the two wide, small-pane glass doors which form almost entirely the west wall of the room. They extend from floor to ceiling and open onto a small iron balcony which overlooks the street. The sun filters through the branches of the huge tree outside on bright days and weaves intricate patterns on the dining room walls.

A small, but complete cream and green kitchen equipped to handle teas and suppers lies beyond the dining room. The two commodious bedrooms with bathroom between are separated from the rest of the

apartment by the long hallway. Two alumnæ live in the apartment, to which Beta Iota welcomes all Alpha Chi Omegas who visit Toronto.

BETA KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, WYOMING

October 23, 1930

On October 23, 1930, Beta Kappa was installed. The local group Delta Theta Sigma had been previously visited by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, Southwestern Province President, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, Council Delegate. One of the faculty of the University assisted the group in its organization and petitioning, a member of Alpha Rho chapter, Gertrude Gould. Mrs. Van Auken and Mrs. Wemyss-Smith installed the chapter, assisted by Bernice Smercheck Ellsworth, Helen Johnson Jeurink, Nu, and Ora Stockmeyer Ly Vere, Beta.

The chapter has initiated 73 members. To the pledge whose grades are highest, a piece of crested jewelry is given; the best scholar of the year has her name engraved on a cup given to the chapter by Miss Gould; and the girl whose grades show the most improvement each quarter receives a crested ring passed on from year to year. Ten have been taken into Mortar Board and six into Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic honorary organization.

Each year the chapter gives a party for orphan children, with games, refreshments, and gifts of toys. Customary in the group is the Christmas serenade, when the chapter visits the homes of friends, singing carols and Alpha Chi Omega songs the week preceding Christmas holidays. The favorite party of the year is a week-end spent at Libby Lodge, a mountain resort. A Hotel party, Founders' Day banquet, and senior dinner complete the list of social events.

A chapter house was bought in 1930 for \$15,000 and financed by a mortgage. It is of Italian style built of tan stucco with red tiled roof. On the main highway and just a block from the University campus, it has a convenient location. Lovely blue-grass lawns surround it, bordered by a Russian sage hedge. During the short summer season the hollyhocks, sweet peas, poppies, and other summer flowers bloom with especial brilliance,

The front entrance, flanked on either side by stained glass windows, opens into a small reception hall. The French doors to the left lead to



BETA KAPPA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Bessie Kennedy, Inez Goetz, Catherine Maloney, Marjorie Hull, Gayle Neubauer. Second row: Marion Linville, Geraldine Truitt, Norma Sure-son, Dorothy Smalley, Greta Neubauer. Third row: Catharine Harris, Evelyn Goetz, Margaret Dolan, Elizabeth Dolan, Edna Cole. Fourth row: Olive Keener, Adelaide Vorpahl, Alice Hocker, Carlena Harris, Dorothy Hemberger. Bottom row: Dorothy Merchant, Dorothy Finkbiner, Fannie Jo Reed, Frances Rate, Mildred Leuthart.



BETA KAPPA'S HOUSE, LARAMIE, WYOMING

the living room. It is the full length of the house and has many windows on three sides making it bright with sunshine. At the north end of the living room is a small library and trophy room. At the opposite end in the sunroom is a fountain and aquarium.

The fireplace is made of tan tile as is the fountain. The rust colored over-stuffed furniture blends with the rust tile of the sunroom and presents a pleasing contrast with the dull green rugs. Upstairs, study-bedrooms take care of eleven girls.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA

October 29, 1930

Two years before its installation as Beta Lambda of Alpha Chi Omega, the local group, Alpha Gamma Omicron, was organized at the University of Arizona. Local alumnæ from Iota, Epsilon, Theta, Mu, and Alpha Gamma sponsored the newly formed group. As the result of their requests, the group was inspected by various alumnæ, including Vera Rock Walls, Gamma, Lucy Andrews Odell, Zeta, Maude Hawley Battin, Epsilon, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President. The chapter was installed on October 29, 1930, by the Na-



BETA LAMBDA CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row, left to right: Ruth Cowin, Virginia Hilgeman, Katherine Freeman. Second row: Harriet Abercombie, Alice Lilley, Mamie Cella. Third row: Mary Jo Woolery, Anyta Buzan, Leota Neely. Bottom row: Alice Gallagher, Lillian Falk, Margaret Doty, Alice Champion. Pictures of Laura Clark, Winnie Belle Cochran, Elizabeth Hanks, and Iona Legler are missing.

tional President, assisted by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Mildred Lantz Masser, Pi, Pacific Province President, Mary Ann Cross, Iota, Mrs. Battin, and Marjorie Hesseltine Scott, Xi.

The chapter's membership totals fifty-five. Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board have each chosen one girl from the group.

Each year an Igloo dance is held in December. A faculty tea, a dinner for patronesses, a pledge picnic, and a pledge tea dance are



BETA LAMBDA'S HOUSE, TUCSON, ARIZONA

also annual events. Hera Day is observed by caring for some needy family, or a group of poor children. Awards are given each year by the chapter to the most outstanding freshman and senior. These are usually in the form of crested jewelry.

The chapter rents its home, which is a grey gabled building, with brown and white trim, and leaded glass windows. It occupies two lots directly across from the main gate of the University. Palo verde, palm, umbrella, and walnut trees surround the house, shading the porch and its swing. To the right of the entrance hall is the library, with Monterey furniture and Indian rugs. Behind the library is the hostess's room and bath. Then comes a back hall, with stairs leading both to the second floor and basement; and finally the kitchen and butler's pantry follow. On the left side are the living room and dining room. The Monterey furniture used throughout the first floor is dark,

heavy, rough-hewn work based on the lines of that found in the Early Spanish missions and is very appropriate for a Southwestern home. The second floor is furnished with light tables, dressers, and chairs painted in grey, cream, and pale green to match the rooms. Twelve girls can live comfortably in the house.

BETA MU, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA
April 8, 1932

After petitioning Alpha Chi Omega for three years, Oread, organized in 1927, became Beta Mu chapter on April 8, 1932. Thelma Ritter



BETA MU'S LIVING ROOM, STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, Atlantic Province President, visisted the petitioning group. Delegates from all over the province assisted at the installation which was conducted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, Mrs. Dalglish, Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, National Secretary, Jessie Hitchner Coward, Alpha Epsilon, state chairman, and Waivia Alton Barnes, Psi.

The college does not allow house ownership. It does however provide a suite in the dormitory, which includes seven bedrooms, a bath, a reception room, living room, and kitchenette. The light walls and hardwood floors of the reception room and living room form a pleasant background for the plain taupe rugs and comfortable daven-



BETA MU CHARTER MEMBERS

Left row, top to bottom: Elsa Ottinger, Margaret Newell Powell, Mary Byrd, Hilda Bitting. Second row: Hazel Everett, Bernice Ross, Ann Brubaker Wenger, Gertrude Smiley. Third row: Cathryne Davies, Margaret Hess Hoffman, Virginia Spangler, Catherine Little, Mattie Stanfield Fancher. Fourth row: Pauline Locklin, Mabel Thompson, Anne Van Sant, Beatrice Snow Van Sant. Fifth row: Rhoda Oberdorf, Marian Dunning, Julia Brill, Marie Smith.

ports and chairs upholstered in rust. Olive green brocade drapes hang at the windows. A mahogany secretary which is almost filled with the chapter's growing library stands by one window, further lighted by a tiny colonial lamp. Ladder back, rush-bottomed chairs and several small tables give a quaint note to the rooms. A small apartment piano and a radio furnish a pleasant means of entertainment.

Each fall the active chapter entertains the new pledges at a cabin party. In the surrounding mountains there are many spots easily accessible to the campus where cabins may be had and the tradition of holding houseparties there has carried over from the first organization of the local group. Alumnæ are entertained in the suite and at breakfast at homecoming time. A similar breakfast is a custom on Mother's Day. An annual Christmas party is also held just before the vacation. The chapter has not yet developed a customary Hera Day activity, but observes the occasion by whatever altruistic work seems most needed at the time.

A piece of jewelry is passed on from year to year within the chapter, the most outstanding pledge receiving it. Beta Mu has initiated sixty-two members.

BETA NU, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

March 23, 1934

At the University of Utah, a local group, Alpha Chi, was formed in 1914 for the purpose of petitioning Alpha Chi Omega. The fraternity did not become interested in the field until eighteen years later, although in that period some little correspondance was carried on. In 1933, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, visited the group, which was again inspected by Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, a few months later. The formal petition was accepted, and the group installed as Beta Nu on March 23, 1934. The first convention of the Intermountain Province was held in Salt Lake City at the same time, the new chapter acting as hostess. Installing officers were: Mrs. Van Auken, Mrs. Dalglish, and Florence Wittwer Oakes, Xi, Province President, assisted by Mildred Barton Eubank, Theta, Utah state chairman, Irma Watson Hantz, Zeta, Audrey Taylor Dufford, Beta Lambda, Helen Johnson Jeurink, Nu, Ora Stockmeyer LyVere, Beta, and delegates from the province.

The chapter's Mothers' Club was formed in 1926. It assisted the chapter in purchasing its house and planting the grounds. At the time

of installation, the Mothers' Club gave financial help to the group, and took complete charge of commissary management for the province convention, cooking and serving all meals for the fifty delegates. In 1934 the club made slip covers for all the living room furniture, and bought the chapter a vacuum cleaner.



BETA NU'S HOUSE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

The chapter house was purchased in 1931 for \$7,000. It is white stucco, conveniently located two blocks from the university. Seven girls and the hostess can be accommodated. One enters the house from the side, into an entrance hall from which the stairs rise to a half-way landing, where there is a large window and broad seat. To the left of the hall is the living room, which fills the entire front of the house, and opens on a small porch through French windows. Over the fireplace at one end hangs the coat-of-arms, done in color. The over-



BETA NU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top Row, left to right: Doris Jones, Catherine Foss, Ann Arbor Leigh, Anne Cannon, Marcella Nebeker. Second Row: Juanita Larsen, Anne Newman Sutton, Dorothy Cunningham, Beth Spencer, Helen Atherstone. Third Row: Alice Newman Mays, Dorothy Sewell, Helen Silver, Jane Kesler, Marjorie Whiteley Parmelee. Bottom Row: Katherine Price, Jane VanNess, Beth Hooper, Madeleine Blackburn, Lucile Silver. Pictures of Afton Love, Frances Kirkendall, and Elizabeth Prosser Jenkins are missing.



BETA NU CHARTER MEMBERS

Top Row, left to right: Alberta Fischer, Louise Silver, Mabel Christensen. Second Row: Martha Bruschke, Ione Spencer, Mary Frances Hess Peak, Norma Daines, Eloise Love. Third Row: Marion Timby, Laura Block, Margaret Parsons, Patricia Powers Singer, VaLois Davis. Fourth Row: Carmen Morton, Jessie Perry, Alice Tanner, Edith Jamison, Melba Thornley. Bottom Row: Louise Walsh Spiker, Fay Bingham, Mary Rogers, Jeanne Morris, Caroline Palmer.



BETA XI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top Row, left to right: Ruby Cardon, Marion Ensign, Trix Pedersen and Lucy Cutler. Second Row: Troy Pedersen, Hyra Hatch, Alice Rork, Dorothy Johnson. Third Row: Eloise Torgeson, Afton Thain, Anna Johnson, Ethelyn Larson. Bottom Row: Alice Pedersen, Lucybeth Cardon, Evelyn Carlisle, Iris Swapp.



BETA XI CHARTER MEMBERS

Top Row, left to right: Arlene Bower, Marion Petersen, Blanch Boudrero. Second Row: Faye Daines, Thelma Johnson, Harriette Anderson, Helen Johnson. Third Row: Margaret Cardon, Nettie Lund, Jean Thatcher, Maxine Stocks. Bottom Row: Rula C. Pitzer, Twilla Lund, Caroline M. Hendricks, Ruby Stringham. Pictures of Edna Hatch Baker, Ina MacKay Cameron, Vera Carlson, Evelyn Crockett, Laura Evans, Nancy Finch, Roberta Firmage, Thelma Fogelberg, Pat Fredrickson, Ina Porter Hatch, Marjorie Webb Hatch, Edith Hayball, Beth Hess, Harriet Hulme, Lydia Jennings, Holly B. Keddington, Joan Cardon, Emma Miller, Augusta M. Nuberger, Ruth Owens, Thelma Pederson, Phoebe Petersen, Vera G. Pixton, Frances Pocock, Ruth Budge Riter, Ethel Bennion Richards, Lavon Sharp, Idalah M. Shepard, Della Smith, Mary B. Smith, Hazel Sowards, Helene Webb, Jeanne Welti, Rose Homer Widtsøe, Virginia Tyson Thomas are missing.

stuffed furniture is in maroon and dark green, with plain and flowered linen slip covers. A grand piano and a radio, with several end-tables and lamps complete the comfortable atmosphere, and the whole has a dark maroon rug as background. On the other side of the hall is a dining room with sliding glass doors, furnished in heavy walnut. This serves also as the chapter room. From it, a green painted breakfast nook leads to the bright kitchen.

The hostess's room is on the second floor, opening upon a small balcony which overlooks the garden in the rear. Adjoining it is a large corner bedroom. A lavender tiled bath, and the two other bedrooms are on this floor. A laundry room, another bath and shower, trunk and storage rooms, and a smoking room are found in the basement.

Chapter traditions include a Christmas tree party for the undergraduates, alumnæ and mothers, a Christmas formal dance, a spring dinner dance, Mother's Day tea, senior breakfast, and a handkerchief shower for each bride. Toys exchanged at the Christmas party, together with a crate of oranges or money contribution are sent to the Neighborhood House. The chapter celebrated Hera Day in 1935 for the first time, by helping a needy family with clothing and food. The chapter's initiates number seventy-two.

BETA XI, UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, LOGAN, UTAH

May 18, 1934

Sorosis Society was organized in 1898 at the Utah State Agricultural College. For thirty-eight years it built up a strong organization and entertained no thought of affiliation with a national fraternity. In 1932 it petitioned Alpha Chi Omega and was visited by Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, National Treasurer, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President. The chapter was granted and the chapter installed as Beta Xi on May 18, 1934. The charter members numbered sixty-nine, the largest group ever to be received into the fraternity at one time. Beta Nu chapter assisted the installing officers who were Mrs. Van Auken, Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President; Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, Irma Watson Hantz, Zeta, Marjorie Whiteley Parmelee, Beta Nu, Elizabeth Prosser Jenkins, Beta Nu, Harpist, Jessie Perry, Beta Nu, and Audrey Taylor Dufford, Beta Lambda.

To Phi Kappa Phi have been elected six of Beta Xi's members. The

same number hold membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, the senior honorary society. Each year the most outstanding senior in the chapter is presented with a gift. The initiates number ninety-eight.

Annual events which are customary within the group include open house at homecoming time, a Christmas pledge party; followed by caroling about the campus; a Halloween party; a Mothers' Day tea; and a formal spring dance.

The chapter rents its home, and does not plan to build until some definite action is taken by the college in regard to the establishment of



BETA XI'S HOUSE, LOGAN, UTAH

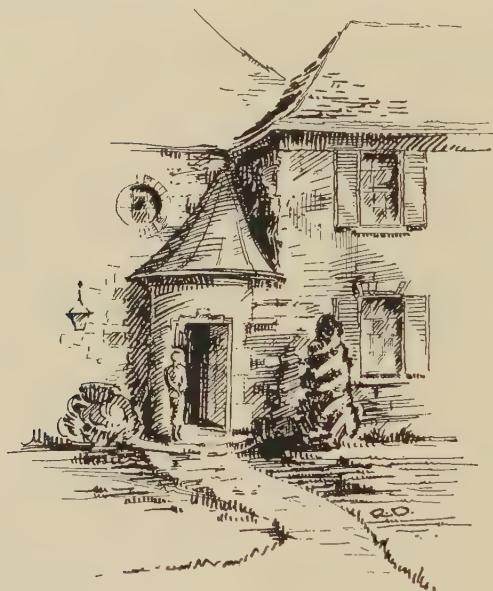
a fraternity row. However, the house which the group now occupies could scarcely be improved upon from the standpoint of beauty and convenience. It is Spanish Morocco style set among terraced lawns the rock gardens. It is located just across from the football stadium and one block from the campus. Its position on College Hill affords a gorgeous view of the valley and the surrounding mountains.

The house itself has many unique features. No two rooms are on the same level. Each with the exception of the kitchen and sewing room has an artistic fireplace. Besides bedroom facilities for fifteen girls, there is room for from ten to fifteen on the sleeping porch. The bedrooms and living room are carpeted throughout.

The first floor includes a reception room, a drawing room, dining room, kitchen, sewing and pressing room, bath and a den which may be entirely shut off from the rest of the house for studying.

Besides the housemother's apartment, consisting of a kitchenette, living room, bedroom, and bath, the downstairs includes a chapter room with a massive stone fireplace, piano and lounges; a wash room and a furnace room.

Upstairs the bedrooms are well arranged in suites; with balconies or terraces opening from each.



Alumnæ Organization

A FRATERNITY, it is believed, is as strong as its alumnæ. Its government, extension, wealth, prestige—indeed, its very existence, depend upon them. Recognizing the fact that strength lies in unified organization, all of the older fraternities early made plans for keeping the interest of their graduate members. Legislation, for the most part, followed actual fact. Alumnæ living in the same town were drawn together by mutual interests and out of these early social gatherings grew the alumnæ chapters and clubs of today. The newer fraternities have followed the example which experience taught the older ones, and from their very inception have sought to conserve their assets in alumnæ influence by providing for definite organization.

The outcome has shown the wisdom of the practice. Through close association the alumnæ retain their sympathetic interest in the fraternity. Their continued identification with the welfare of the undergraduate members results in responsiveness to appeals for advice, funds, and personal help from the active chapters. Strong alumnæ support makes possible the acquisition of desirable new members, the enforcing of traditions of high scholarship and fine social standards, and the ownership of comfortable and well managed chapter homes. National altruistic programs have been made possible, and real service to their communities has been given by alumnæ groups of all fraternities, both men's and women's. They have helped to train their members in good citizenship, as well as to keep their interest in the organization which played so large a part in moulding their undergraduate years.

The organization of Alpha Chi Omega's alumnæ may be traced directly to traditional chapter reunions. From the early nineties the older chapters began to hold annual reunions to which as many alumnæ as possible returned to visit the chapter and the college. Alpha and Beta, of course, were pioneers in this custom, and it is noteworthy that no chapters today equal in enthusiasm and elaborate preparations their annual reunions. For more than fifteen years the opinion was current that the first duty of an alumna was to her own active chapter. However, with the increasing custom of sending girls away to school, and

the greatly improved facilities for travel, more and more alumnæ came to reside far from their own or any other active group. Personal touch with them proved to be impracticable, and it was natural that they should seek other associations. By 1902, the need for definite alumnæ organization had made itself felt. The outcome was the legislation passed by the Evanston convention providing for the chartering of alumnæ chapters. Two years later, the next convention ruled that alumnæ chapters should be on an equal basis with active chapters, through representation by a voting delegate at national conventions. In 1906, a separate form of charter was provided for alumnæ chapters, and in that year, Alpha Alpha in Chicago, and Beta Beta in Indianapolis were the first of an ever lengthening chain of alumnæ groups. They had become so popular by 1913 that the National Council recommended the establishment of recognized clubs in small cities or college towns where there was not a sufficient number of alumnæ to warrant the formation of a chapter. Six or more alumnæ were necessary for the formation of a club, and twice that number were needed for a chapter. Legislation in 1914 provided that henceforth each chapter should first exist for one year as a club.

Many factors have contributed to the rapid growth of alumnæ organization. It has been the policy of the fraternity to unify its ranks for the sake of accomplishing certain national aims. To this end, the 1915 convention created an alumnæ association with its chairman, who has ever since that time held the Council office of National Vice-President. Closer organization was encouraged by the convention in 1919, which established prescribed ceremonies, and provided certificates of recognition for alumnæ clubs. At this time the number of members necessary for nationally recognized clubs and chapters was changed to ten and twenty respectively. A campaign was carried on to secure non-resident members, in order to interest those alumnæ who, because of distance, could not actively participate in the life of an organized group. Three new alumnæ ceremonies were adopted in 1924, the Graduate Degree for Senior Girls, the Reception of New Members, and Proceedings for the Installation of Alumnæ Clubs. All of these were incorporated later in a handbook which was distributed to all chapters and clubs. Informal inspection of all alumnæ groups by Council officers was authorized, as a means of strengthening the organization and intensifying interest.

In 1926 a new program was inaugurated. Its purpose, in the words

of Beatrice Herron Brown, then National President, was "to have every Alpha Chi Omega in touch with the movements and development of the fraternity; to have her intelligently and correctly informed, to have her contributing of herself in some way, if only by sincere interest." The center of the new working plan was the State Alumnæ Chairman, who was appointed by the National Vice-President. Her duty was to contact the alumnæ within her state, arrange state meetings, solicit new *Lyre* subscriptions, try to locate "lost" alumnæ, and stimulate interest.

More systematic and strenuous efforts were made thereafter to reach all alumnæ through the medium of the fraternity's publications. Prior to 1915, new initiates had included in their fee a subscription to *The Lyre* for one year. All too often, this was not renewed when active life in the chapter ceased, due to neglect, financial pressure, or lack of interest. The system of life subscriptions, included in the initiation fee, has contributed to an incalculable degree to the maintenance of a living bond among the younger members. With the new alumnæ program of 1926, a drive was made to solicit life subscriptions among the older alumnæ. *The Lyre* has always published news of alumnæ and has presented accounts of their achievements. It has included in its pages expressions of their opinions on artistic and educational subjects, published their pictures and their poetry. The last five years have witnessed an emphasis on alumnæ news, and have made of the magazine a journal of real interest to all in the Greek world, irrespective of individual affiliation. The alumnæ number of *The Lyre* issued annually, is occasionally sent to all Alpha Chi Omegas whether subscribers or not.

The alumnæ letter, issued in 1908, 1909, and thereafter biennially three months before each national convention, has had its share in disseminating information in regard to the progress of the fraternity, and has stimulated convention attendance. No biennial letter has been issued since 1930, its place having been taken by an annual letter, which is sent to each of the more than 11,000 alumnæ by the National Vice-President. In addition, a manual for alumnæ use was published in 1933, and distributed to all. It contains information which should be familiar to every Alpha Chi Omega, both about her own fraternity and the National Panhellenic Congress.

At the present time, Alpha Chi Omega has thirty-nine alumnæ chapters and fifty-two clubs. Many more than this number of clubs have been formed, but some have become chapters, others have ceased to exist when their members have moved to other localities, and still others

have failed to petition for national recognition, with its concurrent duties. The chapters are distinguished by doubled letters of the Greek alphabet, and after that by the letters of the Greek alphabet inserted between the doubled Alpha. Clubs bear the name of the city in which they are organized. The map on page 204 shows their distribution.

The chapters and clubs all share in certain definite national projects, although their individual activities vary widely. The development of national altruistic work began in 1911, when the first Hera Day was celebrated. Since that time, on the first of each March, every active and alumnæ group has done some special service to alleviate suffering or to comfort the sick and lonely. This honoring of Alpha Chi Omega's patron goddess is not limited to organized groups, but is in many cases an individual effort. In 1916, a special war service was carried on by the fraternity, centering in the organized groups. French orphans were adopted, and cared for until 1921. When the need for this sort of activity was past, the fraternity took up a new form of altruistic work which has been carried on constantly until the present time. It consists of the administration of gift scholarships for children. Worthy boys and girls who otherwise would have had to stop school have been given financial help so that they could have vocational training, or finish their high school education. The interest in this form of work has been nation wide, and the progress of the children who have received help has been most gratifying.

Alumnæ have contributed also to the endowment fund of the fraternity, which is used for chapter house loans, and to the loan fund which makes college and fraternity life possible for many actives and pledges. They also aid their own chapter building funds. A system of alumnæ notes was first authorized by the 1910 convention. Each initiate signed two notes for \$5.00 each, payable after leaving college. Three-fifths of the payment went to the college chapter of the alumna, one-fifth to the loan fund, and the remainder to the convention fund. At the convention in 1922 these notes were revised so that thereafter each initiate signed five, for \$15 each. The proceeds were divided between the chapter building funds, convention and loan funds, as before, and also the reserve and scholarships for children funds. This system was in operation until 1933, when the notes were abolished, due to the difficulty and expense of collection.

In 1922 the Colorado Springs convention legislated to make alumnæ organizations self supporting by the establishment of an installation

fee of \$5.00 per capita for alumnæ chapters. The surplus remaining after installation was returned to the chapter treasury, as a working nucleus. In 1930 this fee was discontinued, the new chapter bearing the expense of installation. It was also voted in 1922 to require a minimum of twenty \$1.00 per capita payments from each chapter annually to entitle its delegate to her railroad fare to the national convention.

The most outstanding development in alumnæ finance came at the 1926 convention. Four years earlier a campaign had been started to raise an endowment of \$100,000 to be complete by the fiftieth anniversary of the fraternity. It was now legislated that each chapter should contribute \$50 and each club \$25 annually until 1935. These endowment gifts were to be divided proportionally between the Reserve, the Scholarships for Children, and the Loan Funds. The 1930 convention made a change in the basis of the club contributions, ruling that in clubs of less than twelve members the assessment should be \$2.00 per capita. The next year, due to the severe economic disturbances sweeping the country, the National Council excused the alumnæ chapters and clubs from making the endowment gift. In spite of this, the fraternity was able to reach its goal and the endowment is now a reality.

Alumnæ contributions are certainly not limited to finance. From the founding of the fraternity, alumnæ have given of their time and energy without stint. Council members, province officers, committee workers and chapter advisers are all drawn from alumnæ ranks. Any alumna who is willing to give of herself to the fraternity can find some congenial work to do. It is the aim of Alpha Chi Omega to use all who are willing and competent to carry on the fraternity's ideals. Alumnæ are, and always will be, the background and the foundation for the active chapters. The greatness, the progress, the prestige of Alpha Chi Omega depends upon the responsiveness and loyalty of her alumnæ.

The individual chapters and clubs form the medium for social contact in many communities where members of the fraternity otherwise would have no opportunity to become known to each other. No two are identical, but all welcome wholeheartedly any Alpha Chi Omega who chances to come to the group, irrespective of her local chapter affiliation. These groups enroll but a small percentage of the fraternity's alumnæ, but because they are organized, they are able to make their influence felt. The following brief résumé of each gives its history in barest outline, and a general idea of the scope of its activities.

ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Installation and Installing Officer</i>
AA	Chicago, Ill.		May 23, 1906
BB	Indianapolis, Ind.	1901	December 14, 1906
ΓΓ	New York, N.Y.		November 6, 1907
ΔΔ	Los Angeles, Calif.		September 25, 1908
EE	Detroit, Mich.		May 18, 1909
ZZ	Boston, Mass.		November 9, 1909
HH	Madison, Wis.		June 18, 1911—Myrta McKeen Dennis, Γ
ΘΘ	Berkeley, Calif.	1912	January 11, 1913—Virginia Fisk Green, Θ
II	Seattle, Wash.		March 8, 1913
KK	Lincoln, Neb.	1910	January 31, 1914—Lois Smith Crann, M
ΛΛ	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1912	February 7, 1914—Nella Ramsdall Fall, B
MM	Kansas City, Mo.		September 19, 1914—Lillian Zimmerman, Z
NN	Denver, Colo.	1916	March, 1917—Nella Ramsdall Fall, B
ΞΞ	Portland, Ore.	1915	May 19, 1922—Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, P
OO	Minneapolis, Minn.	1910	January 15, 1923—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O
III	Philadelphia, Pa.	1921	April 6, 1923—Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A
PP	Oklahoma City, Okla.		April 7, 1923—Frances Whitmore, Ξ
ΣΣ	St. Louis, Mo.	1914	March 14, 1925—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O
TT	Urbana, Ill.		March 25, 1925—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O
ΥΥ	Syracuse, N.Y.	1921	November 17, 1926—Beatrice Herron Brown, A
ΦΦ	Meadville, Pa.	1913	June 5, 1928—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
XX	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1915	October 19, 1929—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
ΨΨ	Toronto, Ont.	1930	June 11, 1932—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
ΩΩ	Youngstown, Ohio	1925	March 26, 1933—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ
ABA	San Francisco, Calif.		May 19, 1933—Minerva Osborn Donald, II
ATA	Atlanta, Ga.	1931	October 26, 1933—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
ADA	Spokane, Wash.	1921	October 26, 1933—Minerva Osborn Donald, II
AEA	Washington, D.C.	1915	December 4, 1934—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
AZA	Salt Lake City, Utah	1934	January 24, 1935—Florence Wittwer Oakes, Ξ
AHA	Jacksonville, Fla.	1932	January 26, 1935—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
AΘA	Birmingham, Ala.	1926	January 28, 1935—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
ATA	Columbus, Ohio	1924	April 6, 1935—Mildred Blacklidge, A
AKA	Pasadena, California	1927	April 6, 1935—Minerva Osborn Donald, II
AAA	Cincinnati, Ohio	1919	April 11, 1935—Mildred Blacklidge, A
AMA	Akron-Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1933	May 5, 1935—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ

ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Installation and Installing Officer</i>
ANA	Cleveland, Ohio	1914	May 6, 1935—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ
AΞA	Milwaukee, Wis.	1915	May 18, 1935—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ
AOA	Des Moines, Iowa	1914	June 5, 1935—Marion Whitmore Webster, Ξ
ΑΠA	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1933	June 17, 1935—Mildred Blacklidge, A

ALUMNÆ CLUBS

Albion, Mich.—May 15, 1914.	Logan, Utah—May 29, 1934
Albuquerque, N.M.—December 17, 1923	Long Beach, Calif.—May 1929
Alliance, Ohio—December 18, 1920	Moscow, Idaho—March 1935
Appleton, Wis.—May 1, 1930	Norfolk, Va.—November 10, 1934
Baton Rouge, La.—May 27, 1931	Omaha, Neb.—May 5, 1915
Billings, Mont.—March 6, 1928	Phoenix, Ariz.—November 24, 1927
Bloomington, Ind.—May 8, 1930	Pueblo, Colo.—December 28, 1915
Boulder, Colo.—December 7, 1915	Richmond, Va.—February 18, 1933
Burlington, Vt.—May 12, 1932	Rockford, Ill.—May 8, 1935
Canton, Ohio—December 8, 1930	Sacramento, Calif.—May 10, 1930
Cheyenne, Wyo.—October 17, 1928	Saginaw Valley, Mich.—April 17, 1926
Connecticut—May 24, 1930	Santa Ana, Calif.—April 27, 1935
Corvallis, Ore.—March 8, 1926	Salem, Ore.—May 24, 1921
Dayton, Ohio—October 1934	San Antonio, Texas—April 23, 1927
Decatur, Ill.—June 7, 1917	Schenectady-Albany, N.Y.—December 30, 1931
El Paso, Texas—October 28, 1932	Schreveport, La.—October 25, 1926
Evansville, Ind.—October 15, 1920	Sioux City, Iowa—July 18, 1926
Fargo, N.D.—September 26, 1934	South Bend, Ind.—October 19, 1928
Flint, Mich.—May 14, 1925	Springfield, Ill.—February 23, 1923
Gray's Harbor, Wash.—January 6, 1917	Tacoma, Wash.—October 27, 1931
Greencastle, Ind.—January 22, 1916	Topeka, Kan.—January 30, 1923
Greensburg, Ind.—November 13, 1915	Tulsa, Okla.—March 6, 1926
Houston, Texas—May 31, 1924	Walla Walla, Wash.—March 27, 1927
Iowa City, Ia.—November 7, 1916	Wichita, Kan.—January 22, 1922
Jackson, Miss.—March 1928	Yakima, Wash.—March 8, 1934
Kay County, Okla.—March 1929	
Lafayette, Ind.—June 8, 1926	

ALPHA ALPHA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Alpha Alpha was established May 23, 1906, the first of the chartered alumnae groups. It was organized by Gamma alumnae who for several years had met informally, with some members from other chapters. At first two business meetings, two musicales, and monthly luncheons in Chicago constituted the program for the year. The schedule was changed in 1908 to four business meetings and monthly gatherings at

the homes of members. As the chapter grew and with the emphasis placed on greater alumnæ development it was evident that one group was not adequate. Two divisions were formed one on the North and one on the South side of Chicago, each holding afternoon meetings. Since business women could not attend either, another section was added in 1926 which met in the evening for dinner and bridge. There are now eight sections to the chapter; all are geographical except the evening section. The other seven meet at the homes of members for bridge luncheon, each at a different time, in Evanston, Oak Park, the Lake Shore, the North Shore, the South Side, the West Suburban, and the University districts. The chapter is made one unit by general officers who meet with the chairman of the groups four times a year.

Gamma and Iota are the chapters in which Alpha Alpha has the most interest. Gifts have been sent to Iota for several years, and the alumnæ chapter purchased a bond for the new house. When Gamma built its chapter house Alpha Alpha gave \$1,000 toward its financing and has since sent gifts. It has always tried to meet the needs of both chapters.

The national altruistic work of the fraternity has been well supported by the chapter. Several scholarship children have been maintained each year, in whom each of the groups takes a keen interest. Usually all coöperate also in whatever activity is decided upon for Hera Day. In 1935 all groups sewed for the Infant Welfare, and contributed magazines, cigarettes, and playing cards for the Edward Hines Hospital for disabled veterans.

Alpha Alpha has often entertained national officers, when the Council met in Evanston or Chicago. Officers and delegates to the Long Beach convention in 1915 were given a dinner. Four years later the national convention met in Chicago, with the chapter as one of its hostesses, as it was for the Great Lakes convention in 1928. For several years beginning in 1920 the chapter served the fraternity by making all ritualistic equipment.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Early in 1901 the resident alumnæ of Indianapolis decided to entertain the members of Alpha chapter who came to the city at the time of the State Oratorical contest. A reception was held for them late in February. Regular meetings followed, once each month. These informal social gatherings continued for five years. December 14, 1906, a formal charter was granted, and the group became Beta Beta.

Two annual events have been traditional in the chapter almost since its beginning. A banquet held in February each year has recently become the State Luncheon. It is followed by a dance. Every Alpha Chi Omega in Indiana is invited, and each year the attendance increases. The second event is the annual picnic, to which the members of the chapter bring their families.

Since 1923 the chapter has sponsored a municipal Christmas concert, which is open without charge to the public. It is held in a theater, and is directed by Bess Dean Ogden, Alpha. Each year the chapter has a guest day at the Hotel Lincoln, at which time out of town members of the fraternity are welcomed and entertained. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, with luncheon at the homes of members.

To each of the four Indiana chapters Beta Beta has given rushing assistance, and financial help in building their chapter houses. Alpha Chi chapter was organized and installed by Beta Beta, and to its seniors the Graduate Degree is given each year following a breakfast at the chapter house.

The chapter is very active in local Panhellenic affairs, materially assisting in the support of the five scholarships which the organization gives each year to university students. Hera Day is celebrated by sewing for the Red Cross, donating jellies to the Day Nursery, and collecting magazines and puzzles for the Veterans' Hospital.

The Great Lakes Convention was entertained by a choir composed of members of Beta Beta. They were gowned in white satin surplices, the gift of the chapter to the fraternity. Since 1933 members of the chapter have served on the committee which prepares all initiation equipment for the fraternity.

The group has shared in the altruistic work of the fraternity by supporting three scholarship children. One girl was put through high school and teachers' college, and the present child has been kept in school for the past three years.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK CITY

Gamma Gamma was established November 6, 1907 by the alumnae of New York City through the influence of Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, and Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta. At first monthly meetings were held at the homes of members or at some hotel. In 1926 evening meetings at the Panhellenic House were tried and an added membership of business

and professional women was secured. In 1933 group meetings seemed to be the solution for the ever growing and widely scattered body of members. A New Jersey and a Westchester group were added to the New York section, and all three have met monthly ever since. Two general annual meetings of Gamma Gamma are held at the Panhellenic House.

The chapter began its altruistic work in 1910 with a concert, the proceeds of which were used for the fraternity's first philanthropic project, the MacDowell Colony studio. Mrs. Kent had proposed this and her enthusiasm brought about the support of all the chapters for the studio fund. Gamma Gamma also supported a scholarship child for a brief period. Its most absorbing interest however, in the past few years has been Heartsease Home, an institution which cares for unmarried mothers and their babies. Each Hera Day the chapter gives layettes and smocks, as well as other supplies to the Home, and furnishes help throughout the year when it is needed.

Four times has the chapter extended its hospitality to the National Council when its annual meetings were in New York. In 1914 Gamma Gamma represented the fraternity as hostess to the National Panhellenic Congress. In 1920 it helped to form a city Panhellenic association, which undertook the building of a combination hotel and clubhouse for fraternity women. The alumnae chapter very actively participated in the campaign for raising the necessary million dollars capital, and far oversold its quota of stock. The clubhouse was opened in 1928.

DELTA DELTA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Delta Delta was chartered September 25, 1908, Louise Davis Van Cleve, Epsilon, and Janette Allen Cushman, Beta, being especially influential in bringing about its organization. At first the meetings were purely social, held the second Saturday of each month. This custom is still followed, luncheon being served at the homes of the members. Programs are given such as book reviews, dramatic readings, music or bridge.

The earliest outside work was a subscription sent to the MacDowell Studio. Then the chapter found local philanthropic work giving assistance to needy families. In 1911 interest was fixed upon the Children's Hospital. A benefit tea made possible a gift of \$92. A year later a musicale provided a set of X-ray instruments, while another year a bed was endowed in the name of the fraternity. An annual gift of

\$50 is the chapter's contribution for its upkeep. Delta Delta was the first chapter to administer one of the fraternity's scholarships for children. In 1919 an orphaned boy of seventeen was adopted and helped to complete his education. The chapter raised over five hundred dollars that year by a Christmas bazaar, and from that time on has been financially independent in its altruistic work receiving no funds from the national treasury. In all it has assisted twenty high school children and five college students. At present it is helping an Alpha Chi Omega pay her expenses.

Each year a Christmas party is given for Epsilon and Alpha Psi. Each house is presented with a gift at this time. The alumnæ have helped the active girls financially in a substantial manner, interest having been divided equally between the two chapters. A cup is awarded each year by Delta Delta to the most outstanding girl in each group.

In 1927 the first yearbook was published. This is mailed annually to all members of the fraternity in southern California, giving them the dates and programs of meetings and an invitation to attend whenever possible.

EPSILON EPSILON, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

At the convention of 1908 Ada Dickie Hamblen, Beta, and Frank Busey Soule, Iota, were appointed to organize the alumnæ in Detroit. This they did, with the result that Epsilon Epsilon was chartered May 18, 1909. The chapter's first work was to aid Theta in entertaining the 1910 convention.

The chapter has wide and varied interests. Its luncheon meetings are followed by programs dealing with art, drama, social service, or music. It does much charitable work in its community, sewing for the Community House, making clothes for poor children, and furnishing money for individual needs of the poor, such as fitting glasses for a little boy. Each year gifts of money are sent to the three Michigan chapters, and a loan fund is maintained from which a senior in any of the three may borrow in order to finish school. A joint meeting with Theta is held each year in Ann Arbor.

Epsilon Epsilon had charge of ritual equipment for a number of years, and it was one of the first chapters to participate in the national altruistic work. Ten scholarship children have been maintained since 1921, several of them for more than one year.



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The first State Meeting to be held in Michigan in 1927 was sponsored by the chapter and the custom has become an annual one.

ZETA ZETA, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Through the efforts of Estelle McFarlane Dunkle and Evangeline Bridge, both of Zeta, a sufficient number of alumnæ were found in Boston and the vicinity to form a chapter. It was chartered by the Council, and met for the first time November 9, 1909. Meetings are now held the second Wednesday of each month at the homes of members, with musical or literary programs and tea.

Zeta Zeta was the pioneer in the war work of the fraternity, Gladys Livingston Graff being the chairman of the French Orphan Committee. The chapter supported three orphans, one for five years and the other two for a three year period. The chapter again pioneered in the new altruistic work of the fraternity by establishing one of the children's scholarships. A girl entering the New England Conservatory was adopted, and the assistance given her was continued throughout her entire course. Several other students have been assisted since that time. The chapter has been especially interested in the Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony, several times helping to refurnish it. Other philanthropic activity includes work for the Hospital for Crippled Children. Each Hera Day the chapter contributes clothes, toys, and books to this institution.

The relationship with the active chapter, Zeta, has been close and constant. Active girls and their mothers are entertained by the alumnæ, rush parties are given, and the chapter supports their candy sales and social functions. In November, 1934, Zeta Zeta celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a formal luncheon and toast program, to which the active chapter was invited.

ETA ETA, MADISON, WISCONSIN

Myrta McKean Dennis, Gamma, officiated at the installation of Eta Eta on June 18, 1911. From its beginning the chapter has studied varied topics at its program meetings, and has devoted its energies to social service work and to Kappa. Each Hera Day funds are sent to some hospital, or given to the dean of women at the university for use in assisting needy students. A children's scholarship was begun in 1924, and continued for some years, during which time two girls were put through school. The chapter helps poor families whenever possible,

and has taken care of the expenses of several who needed hospital care.

The chapter's chief interest and concern is Kappa. In 1926 the two groups worked together in raising money to build the chapter house, to which the alumnae have since given many useful articles. Dinner meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the homes of members. Each member pays a small fee for her dinner, and the money collected is put in the chapter's building fund. The alumnae also act as big sisters for Kappa's freshmen, keeping in close touch with them throughout their university course.

THETA THETA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

During the fall of 1912 the alumnae of Pi chapter living in Berkeley decided to form a chapter. The next year on June 11, Theta Theta was installed by Virginia Fisk Green, Theta. The new installation ceremony written by Mrs. Green was used for the first time. The chapter meets alternately on the first Thursday and the second Tuesday afternoon of each month at the homes of members. An evening section for business women meets the third Thursday. Twice a year a joint meeting with Pi is held at the chapter house.

In 1920 Pi and Theta Theta were drawn closely together by the co-operative effort of purchasing a chapter house. When Berkeley was swept by a disastrous fire in 1923, Theta Theta again came to the assistance of the active chapter, and gave the financial support needed to build the new house. The alumnae chapter has given financial help to members of Pi who otherwise would not have been able to continue in school. At present scholarships are being given to two members of the chapter. Since 1926 two girls have been helped each year, some of them being high school students. The amount of the scholarships has varied from \$75 to \$150 apiece. Pi has been helped by gifts of a grand piano, Persian rugs, dishes, and books for the library. For two years Theta Theta appointed alumnae big sisters for the active girls, to promote closer understanding between the two groups. This plan was discontinued for a time, but was revived in 1935.

With the active chapter, the alumnae have established the Miriam Marks Memorial Loan Fund which now totals \$275 on the University of California campus. On Hera Day members of the chapter make scrap books for sick children, and give a party at the Berkeley Day Nursery. The chapter sponsored the organization of a new alumnae group in San Francisco which it helped install in 1933 as Alpha Beta Alpha.

IOTA IOTA, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Iota Iota was organized March 8, 1913, through the efforts of Ada Dickie Hamblen, Beta. Two sections have been formed to take care of the increased membership. Both meet at Rho's chapter house one for luncheon the first Monday of each month and the other the first Thursday evening. Three joint meetings are held each year following a pot-luck supper. At almost every meeting some program is given.

Since its establishment Iota Iota has been of real assistance to Rho. In 1915 a scholarship trophy was presented to the chapter. The alumnae organized a corporation to raise funds for the chapter house which was built in 1926. Iota Iota pledged \$1,000 a year to help finance the house. Social contacts with the chapter are frequent. The alumnae take charge of the first rushing tea in the fall, entertain the active chapter at their annual winter ball, and give a luncheon for the graduating seniors. Iota Iota and Rho hold a joint banquet on Founders' Day, and a Christmas party at the house. During homecoming time the active chapter entertains the alumnae at dinner.

For many years Iota Iota administered a scholarship, usually helping a high school student. In 1934 this activity was discontinued. Some help was given to James Hamilton Howe until his death. Other altruistic work consists of Hera Day observance, which in 1935 took the form of a money contribution to Rho for initiation equipment, and annual Christmas gifts of food and clothing to the poor.

KAPPA KAPPA, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Lois Smith Crann, Mu, National Inspector, installed Kappa Kappa on January 31, 1914. The alumnae in Lincoln had been meeting for four years before the charter was granted, so were well organized. The meetings have always been informal, a brief business session and program following a luncheon. The chapter's main interest has centered in Xi. A building corporation was formed from the alumnae group to which almost every member belonged. After the chapter house was completed in 1927 the alumnae continued to share the responsibility of financing it.

Kappa Kappa plans and manages an annual banquet with the active chapter, and gives rushing parties for it. Many gifts have come from the alumnae group to help furnish the chapter house, and social help is forthcoming whenever needed.

During the war the chapter served in its own community's patriotic endeavor, and since that time has shared in the altruistic work of the fraternity. It has supported several students in the Lincoln high school and is at present helping a young boy to get his education.

LAMBDA LAMBDA, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

During the Christmas holidays of 1912 all Alpha Chi Omegas known to be living in Grand Rapids were invited to meet at the home of Millie Fox, Beta. From this group a petition for a charter was sent to the National Council. Lambda Lambda was installed by Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, on February 7, 1914. Since that time regular monthly meetings have been held at the homes of members. For a long time these were purely social in character, but recently there has been decided interest in programs on current national and local topics.

Lambda Lambda has no direct contact with any active chapter but takes an interest in both Beta and Theta since its members are drawn largely from these two. The chapter has contributed to the national scholarships for children fund for a number of years, but in 1934 decided to give its annual \$50 to the Grand Rapids Panhellenic scholarship fund, which is available to junior college students. On Hera Day the chapter sews for the Needlework Guild.

MU MU, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mu Mu was installed by the National Treasurer, Lillian Zimmerman, Zeta, on September 19, 1914. For the first few years the organization was devoted almost entirely to social functions, but soon grew interested in the community work sponsored by the local Panhellenic association. The chapter supported child welfare work and contributed to the fund of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society. The chapter has also contributed to the fraternity's scholarship fund and in 1934 began to administer a full scholarship of its own, adopting a high school girl. On Hera Day gifts of fruit and linen are sent to one of the local hospitals.

Meetings alternate between the first Tuesday evening of each month and the first Saturday, when a luncheon is held. The chapter tries to help the three nearest active chapters by rushing and by gifts of money. A bond was purchased when Alpha Nu was financing its house and house gifts have been sent to both Phi and Omicron.

NU NU, DENVER, COLORADO

On April 22, 1916, a meeting of Denver Alpha Chi Omegas was held for the purpose of organizing an alumnae club, which at once identified itself with the local Panhellenic association. The group met regularly each month, and was encouraged to apply for a charter by Estelle McFarlane Dunkle, Zeta, who visited Denver in August. The following March Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, National Inspector, installed the club as Nu Nu. For the rest of the year meetings were held, until many of the members left the city. In 1919 the chapter was re-organized and again became ready for work. One of its early tasks was planning for and acting as hostess to the Colorado Springs Convention.

The chapter meets the second Monday of each month, often for a buffet supper. Rather than sponsor benefits of one sort or other each member contributes twenty-five cents to the treasury at each meeting. The hostesses arrange whatever entertainment they wish, book reviews, lectures on some interesting topic, a "white elephant" raffle, games with prizes, or a supper. Once a year the Boulder alumnae club is entertained at dinner.

Hera Day is observed each year by contributions of food and clothing to the Tuckaway Home for orphans. Cash donations are given to the same institution during the year, and the chapter sews for the children and at times purchases shoes for them.

Contacts with the active chapter, Nu, are close and frequent. The alumna adviser and the president of the chapter house corporation are both members of the alumnae group. Nu Nu contributed several hundred dollars to the old house and purchased furnishings for it, and took full charge of the purchase of the new one in 1934. The chapter has assisted the active girls with summer rushing each year, financially and by contributing the use of the homes of members. Each month several members of the group go to Boulder for dinner with the active girls and to attend a chapter meeting.

XI XI, PORTLAND, OREGON

The club from which Xi Xi developed was organized in 1915. Monthly meetings were held until 1922, when the group had gathered sufficient members to petition for a charter. Hazel Learned Sherrick and Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, both of Rho, installed Xi Xi on May 19. The chapter has continued to meet regularly and arouse interest in

the fraternity throughout the state. Each spring a rushing tea is held in Portland for the two Oregon active chapters, Chi and Alpha Kappa. Financial and personal help is also given the chapters when necessary.

Xi Xi maintains a revolving scholarship fund in the Girls Polytechnic High School from which deserving students may borrow. They pay their debt either in work or in cash. To this fund the chapter adds each year. For several years the group has given periodic contributions to one of the baby homes in the city. Each Hera Day food and clothing are collected for needy families and distributed through one of the public schools.

OMICRON OMICRON, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The Twin Cities alumnae club was begun in 1910 when Olive Morris, Lambda, Amy Martin, Alice Watson Dixon and Natalie Thompson, Gamma, met to form a social group. They saw each other regularly, and by 1916 had gathered enough Alpha Chi Omegas together to form a club. The group concentrated its efforts on war work for several years and then turned its attention to the formation of a local group on the University of Minnesota campus to petition for a charter. Alpha Lambda chapter was installed in the fall of 1921 as a result of the club's efforts. Feeling that the active chapter needed better organized support the club then petitioned for its own charter, and was installed as Omicron Omicron January 15, 1923, by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, National Vice-President.

The chapter has helped two children by giving them scholarships, and has always supported Alpha Lambda in all its activities. It assisted the active chapter to finance its house and later to remodel it. The alumnae take full charge of one dinner during rushing season and give social help whenever needed. Hera Day is celebrated by giving a party for orphans or by helping needy families.

The chapter's meetings are largely social in character and are held the first Wednesday of each month at the homes of members.

PI PI, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Pi Pi was the outgrowth of the Philadelphia alumnae club, which was organized in February, 1921. The original objective of the group was to help Alpha Epsilon build up its house fund. After two years of work as a club the group was installed as Pi Pi by Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Lambda, National Secretary-Editor, on April 6, 1923.

For the next three years Pi Pi's main activity was raising money for Alpha Epsilon's house which it purchased in 1926. Here the alumnae meetings are held, alternating between the second Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon of each month. Pi Pi pays to the alumnae corporation a monthly rental of \$10 for the use of the house for its meetings and parties.

In 1925 the chapter began to administer a scholarship, and gave assistance to the same girl for five years until her graduation from Normal School. Three others have subsequently been helped, and the chapter has found much satisfaction in its girls. For a number of years it was the custom to celebrate Hera Day by taking toys and refreshments to the children's ward of the Germantown hospital; since 1931, however, children from the University Settlement House have been entertained at the chapter house.

Each year the chapter gives a card party and dance as its main money raising activity. It has found this much more successful than any other form of benefit. It has the help and support of Alpha Epsilon at these affairs. Contacts with the active chapter are frequent. The alumnae take full charge of the final rushing party, conduct the initiation ceremony, and give the chapter supplies and advice. Each year the alumnae are welcomed at the house party that is a tradition with Alpha Epsilon. A separate alumnae houseparty is also held to which the graduating seniors are especially invited as a means of drawing them immediately into the alumnae chapter.

RHO RHO, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma City alumnae club was installed as Rho Rho on April 7, 1923 by Frances Whitmore, Xi. The chapter's main activities have been help for Psi and community service. Rho Rho helped the active chapter plan and build its house, and since that time has helped annually in rushing. Founders' Day is celebrated with the active chapter, and the alumnae also assist with initiation. The two groups have further contacts at the time of the State luncheon.

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are sent each year to the poor, and on Hera Day the chapter sends gifts to the Home for the Aged. Since 1929 the group has given financial help to two high school girls each year and has furnished them with clothing or other necessities.

The chapter meets once a month socially and holds separate business meetings when necessary. Husbands and friends are included at

two dinner bridge parties each year on which a considerable sum is realized for the treasury.

SIGMA SIGMA, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The St. Louis Alumnæ Club was organized in September, 1914, and struggled along for several years until loss of members forced it to become inactive. After Alpha Zeta chapter was established at Washington University the club was reorganized and received its charter as Sigma Sigma in 1925. On March 4 during the sessions of the Central Province convention held in St. Louis the chapter was installed by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, National Vice-President.

Sigma Sigma's active chapter interest has been divided between Alpha Zeta and Alpha Nu. In 1926 it raised funds to purchase a bond for the latter's new house, and continued the custom started the year before of giving each of Alpha Zeta's pledges an alumnæ guardian. In October 1927 the chapter held an outdoor carnival clearing more than one thousand dollars. The members were divided into teams, each pledging itself to be responsible for \$250.

Parties for rushees are part of Sigma Sigma's contribution to the welfare of the active chapters, as well as a joint Founders' Day banquet and Christmas party. Bridge tournaments and book reviews form a part of the chapter's life as do the regular business meetings held in the Women's Building of the University. Food, clothing, and games are taken each year to the Orphans' Home on Hera Day. The chapter also supports a scholarship girl. It has helped six children in all since its installation, one of them for a period of two years.

TAU TAU, CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, National Vice-President, installed Tau Tau on March 25, 1925. Much help has been given Iota chapter, especially in bringing plans for the new chapter house to completion. During rushing season Tau Tau gives a tea for the actives and assists with entertainment at the other parties. For several years the chapter supported a scholarship in the Crossmore mountain school in North Carolina. Three girls were adopted there, one of whom was helped for three years. Barrels of clothing and other needed supplies were also sent to this institution. At the present time the chapter is not supporting a scholarship.

Each year clothing is collected from among the members and sent to families in the community who are in need. Clothing is also sent to the local children's home, to which toys and entertainment are also furnished.

Tau Tau meets the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of members. The programs are social in character.

UPSILON UPSILON, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The Syracuse alumnæ club was conceived February 7, 1921, when ten Lambda alumnæ met at the chapter house in Syracuse. On November 17, 1926, Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National President, conducted the ceremonies by which the club became Upsilon Upsilon. The installation was held in Lambda's chapter room, and it seemed to many that the new chapter was a memorial to Mary Emma Griffith Marshall who had helped to found the club six years before. A more tangible memorial was the chapter's gift of \$100 in 1929 to be used for equipment for the archives room in Alpha's house in Greencastle.

Upsilon Upsilon has been of great assistance to the active girls, refurnishing the house, giving rushing parties and financial and advisory help at all times. The alumnæ are always welcome guests at the chapter house.

Fifty dollars was pledged to the scholarships for children fund in 1927, and \$25 to the Star Studio. This continued the work and contributions which had been begun when the Syracuse club was first organized. By 1928, the chapter felt that it was ready to administer a scholarship of its own. Upsilon Upsilon has given help to eight children, several of them having been carried more than one year. The group also maintains a loan fund from which two girls in the active chapter and one in Normal School are now receiving help.

For a great many years Hera Day was observed by sewing for the Orphans' Home. In 1935 however, the chapter and the active girls joined forces and spent the day preparing bandages for a local hospital.

Each month Upsilon Upsilon meets at the homes of members, for supper followed by a program which includes music and usually a speaker.

PHI PHI, MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Meadville alumnæ club which was organized in 1913 became Phi Phi chapter on June 5, 1928. An impressive installation ceremony

was held presided over by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, who was National Inspector at the time.

The chapter has many pleasant contacts with Delta sharing in the activities of Homecoming Day and Commencement and participating in the pledge banquet and initiation ceremony. The active girls are entertained in small groups at some of the alumniæ supper meetings, and are often invited to Sunday teas at the homes of Phi Phi's members. In 1934 the alumniæ started a plan to materially help the active chapter. At this time it began to participate for the first time in the fraternity's national scholarship work. A \$50 scholarship is awarded annually to Delta's best student.

Phi Phi has always celebrated Hera Day not as a chapter but by individual acts of charity on the part of the members. Until her death, the chapter did many kind things each year for Juvia O. Hull, the fraternity's oldest member, who was director of the Meadville Conservatory when Delta was installed.

CHI CHI, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

For fourteen years the Pittsburgh alumniæ club met regularly for social purposes. Soon after its organization, it aided in establishing a city Panhellenic association, in which it has taken an active interest. In 1929 the club petitioned for a charter, and was installed on October 19 by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President.

Monthly meetings are held at the Congress of Clubs, usually on the third Saturday, but occasionally in the evening on some other day. Programs are varied to suit the scattered members, dinners, teas, picnics, and benefit bridges all having their place. The March meeting is devoted to dressing dolls for the Children's Hospital in honor of Hera Day. A cash contribution is also made to the same institution. In 1932 the chapter gave two scholarships to high school girls.

Chi Chi has no direct contact with any chapter, but helps the active girls whenever possible. Rushing recommendations are sent to nearby chapters and the Pittsburgh alumniæ have been well represented in national convention attendance. A number from the group assisted at the installation of Beta Mu in 1932.

PSI PSI, TORONTO, ONTARIO

The alumniæ in Toronto organized a club at the time of Beta Iota's installation in 1930. By 1932 they had become sufficiently numerous

to petition for a charter, which was received June 11, when Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda. National President, came to Toronto to conduct the installation. Psi Psi has been most active in helping Beta Iota in rushing, and in other social functions. Four alumnæ assist the chapter's adviser, and as many as possible join with the active girls at their annual summer house party. The alumnæ have also contributed some of the furnishings for Beta Iota's apartment where Psi Psi holds its monthly meetings. These are usually supper meetings on the first Tuesday, with either a guest speaker or a social program.

The active girls and the alumnæ have the same Hera Day interest, which is in the Hospital for Sick Children. Here both chapters give entertainment and refreshments, and each year add to the Alpha Chi Omega playroom which they furnished in 1931. Psi Psi has maintained a scholarship girl for the past year, and has sent Christmas baskets to the poor each year since its installation. In addition, the chapter gave a party for 100 poor Italian children during the Christmas holidays in 1934.

OMEGA OMEGA, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The alumnæ of Youngstown organized a club on March 21, 1925, to give assistance to the four Ohio chapters. In its first year the club gave a dozen teaspoons to each chapter, and held three benefit bridges for Alpha Eta, \$95 being turned over to the house fund. The group also accomplished the organization of a city Panhellenic.

With the meetings of 1926 a definite study hour was planned as a part of the program. The group was active in soliciting non-resident memberships, and in keeping its members informed of current fraternity policies and developments. The group was installed on March 26, 1933, by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor.

The chapter contributes to the social service work of its community by sewing for the Red Cross and giving aid to needy families. A worthy student was completely outfitted for graduation as a Hera Day project in 1935. The group devotes several of its monthly meetings to philanthropic endeavor. The second Saturday afternoon of each month is the regular time for meetings, which are held at the homes of members. Each year rushing parties are given, and financial aid is furnished Alpha Eta.

ALPHA BETA ALPHA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The organization of an alumnæ group in San Francisco was sponsored by Theta Theta. The group was installed as Alpha Beta Alpha on May 19, 1933, by Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President. On the first Wednesday of each month luncheon meetings are held at the Women's City Club, and once a year the chapter gives a luncheon for the graduating seniors from Pi. This active chapter, as well as Alpha Psi, receives a check each Christmas from Alpha Beta Alpha.

The chapter began to administer a scholarship soon after its organization as a club, and has carried this activity down to the present time. It is now sending a girl through the University of California. Hera Day is celebrated by making scrap books, which are sent to hospitals in San Francisco and Palo Alto.

ALPHA GAMMA ALPHA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

For two years the alumnæ in Atlanta were organized as a club before petitioning for a charter, which was granted in 1933. Alpha Gamma Alpha was installed on October 26 by Ethel Mead Van Auker, Lambda, National President. She was assisted by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor, and De Ette Jones Mitchell, Beta Delta, Southern Province President. The chapter has less than twenty resident members, but those who live out of town are interested enough to attend all meetings, and so made possible the granting of the charter.

Meetings are held each month on the third Tuesday afternoon at the homes of members. The business of the chapter is followed by bridge or sewing and tea. Frequently evening parties are substituted for the regular meetings, to which husbands and friends are invited. The chapter has not yet undertaken any altruistic work other than the collection of old clothes and supplies for the poor, which are distributed on Hera Day. Its interest is largely centered in Tau chapter, fifty miles away. Each of the alumnæ visit the active girls at least once a year, and the chapter assists with rushing and initiation.

ALPHA DELTA ALPHA, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

On October 25, 1933 Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President, installed the twelve year old Spokane Alumnæ club as Alpha

Delta Alpha. The chapter's activities and habits had become well established during its long organization, so its installation occasioned little change except more formal meetings and increased membership. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the homes of members, with programs.

The chapter for many years has assisted Omega, Rho, Alpha Rho, and Beta Zeta. House necessities have been given to Omega, and members of the alumnae chapter have assisted with initiation ceremonies and banquets both in Pullman and in Moscow. Members of all four chapters are entertained by the alumnae in holiday seasons, and rushing parties are given for girls about to go to college.

Alpha Delta Alpha donates money each year to the Mothers' Pension Bureau for the milk fund, and sews for the same organization at some of its meetings. It also collects clothing and repairs it. The chapter shares in the fraternity's national altruistic work by helping high school students who otherwise would be forced to go to work. A small group of girls is being sponsored at the present time, and the chapter supplies them with clothing as well as funds.

ALPHA EPSILON ALPHA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

On April 23, 1915, the District of Columbia alumnae club was organized through the efforts of Myra Jones and Mary Emma Griffith, both of Lambda. In the early days of the club the members were so scattered and so transient that often there was an almost complete change in personnel from one meeting to the next. During the war many Alpha Chi Omegas came to the city, so that the club increased from fifteen to over fifty. Practically all were engaged in war work of one sort or another, so the club turned its attention to solving the housing problem in the greatly congested city, and later supported a French orphan for several years. Although the membership decreased after the war, the club continued its activities, contributing to the national altruistic work of the fraternity and to a local orphan's home. In 1934 the membership had again increased sufficiently so that the club could petition for a charter. It was installed as Alpha Epsilon Alpha on December 4, 1934 by the National President, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda.

The chapter meets the first Tuesday evening of each month for a short business session followed by bridge or a program. The active chapter interest of the group centers in Beta Delta, which it helps by

giving rushing parties and by donations of linen and silver to the new chapter house.

In 1935 Hera Day was celebrated by giving money to the active chapter's scholarship fund. In previous years a needy family was supplied with milk, and donations were given to the Old People's Home. The chapter is helping a girl pay her tuition at American University. It has given her \$85 during 1934-35, part of which has come from the national fund of the fraternity. Alpha Epsilon Alpha acted as one of the hostesses for the 1935 convention, part of which was held in Washington.

ALPHA ZETA ALPHA, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Late in March, 1934, at the time of Beta Nu's installation, the Salt Lake City alumnæ organized a club. Many alumnæ had been initiated with the undergraduates of the new chapter, and to these were added alumnæ of Beta Xi two months later. In the fall the group petitioned for a charter, and was installed as Alpha Zeta Alpha January 24, 1935. Florence Wittwer Oakes, Xi, Intermountain Province President conducted the ceremony, assisted by Mary Adams, Nu, Irma Watson Hance, Zeta, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon. More than fifty alumnæ signed the petition, although only thirty-nine could be present at the ceremony.

The chapter is continuing its work for Beta Nu, which it helps in rushing, and to which it gives financial support. Meetings are held at the chapter house on the second Monday evening of each month. Book reviews, outside speakers, music, or cards constitute the programs. The chapter began its altruistic work by sending a crate of oranges and baskets of toys to the Neighborhood House in Salt Lake City at Christmas time. On Hera Day two layettes were assembled for the same institution, and several members of the group gave a program there to entertain the mothers who come to the settlement.

ALPHA ETA ALPHA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

In Jacksonville the alumnæ were organized as a club for almost three years before they were sufficiently numerous to petition for a charter. Alpha Eta Alpha was installed by the National President, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, on January 26, 1935. The chapter meets the first Thursday evening of each month at the members' homes.

Since its installation, the chapter has furnished a graduation outfit

for a local high school girl. On Hera Day it visited a home for crippled children, took a group of orphans to dinner, and made scrap books for several institutions. Beta Eta is the nearest active chapter and the one which holds the greatest interest for the Jacksonville alumnæ. Each year Alpha Eta Alpha helps with rushing and recommends prospective members. The chapter has also sent gifts to help furnish the active chapter's house, and the relations between the two groups are friendly and interested.

ALPHA THETA ALPHA, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

In the fall of 1926, the alumnæ of Birmingham were organized by Verna Tyler Kroh, Kappa, who was then State Chairman of Alabama. During its nine years as a club the group assisted the two nearby chapters, Alpha Upsilon and Alpha Omega with rushing. It has never administered a scholarship, but has contributed each year to the support of two scholarship girls at Birmingham-Southern and at Howard College, who are sponsored by the city Panhellenic association. Annual gifts are sent to the poor at Christmas and on Hera Day.

The group meets the first Sunday of each month at the homes of members. Non-resident members are drawn from the entire state of Alabama, who meet with the group whenever possible. Enough alumnæ were living in Birmingham by the fall of 1934 to warrant the formation of a chapter. It was installed as Alpha Theta Alpha on January 28, 1935. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, conducted the ceremony, and met all active and alumnæ members in the vicinity at a reception which the new chapter gave for her.

ALPHA IOTA ALPHA, COLUMBUS, OHIO

On March 8, 1924, the Columbus alumnæ organized a club for the purpose of helping the nearest Ohio chapter, Alpha Omicron. A gift has been given the chapter each Christmas, the alumnæ have assisted materially with rushing, and each year have given a dinner for the graduating seniors.

Throughout the years the group has provided milk for needy children at one of the elementary schools in the city. Each Hera Day it joins the active chapter in giving a party for settlement children, who are entertained at dinner at the chapter house. Meetings are held first Tuesday of each month.

The group petitioned for a charter early in 1935, and was installed

on April 6, by Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, National Secretary. She was assisted by two alumnæ of Alpha Omicron, Pauline Highland Thompson, and Katherine Schafer, and by Mae Headley Walker, Alpha.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

The alumnæ in Pasadena, California, organized a club in 1927. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at the home of members, with musical or literary programs following luncheon. For several years the club gave financial assistance to Alpha Psi and Epsilon. Its members met with the girls of the active chapter and the members of Delta Delta annually on Founders' Day. In its own community the group contributes to the milk fund, and celebrates Hera Day by some form of charitable work.

In the eight years since its establishment, the group grew rapidly, and in 1935 totaled fifty-five members. A petition for a charter was granted, and the club installed on April 6, 1935, by Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President. Mrs. Donald was assisted by Mildred Lantz Masser, Pi, Pacific Province President, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President.

ALPHA LAMBDA ALPHA, CINCINNATI, OHIO

On May 1, 1919, the alumnæ in Cincinnati petitioned for national recognition as a club. Since that time the group has met regularly each month on the second Thursday evening and the second Saturday afternoon alternately at Alpha Delta's chapter house. Relations with the active chapter are close and friendly. The club has completely furnished the chapter room in the new house; its members are invited each year to the Senior luncheon; it gives a rush party each summer for the active girls; and it takes full charge of the annual initiation banquet.

For a number of years the club offered a high school prize for the best psychology paper written in competitive examination. After 1926 this was discontinued and a scholarship child adopted. Since that time one girl after another has been assisted so that she could remain in school. Each Hera Day the group sews for some hospital.

On April 11, 1935, Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, National Secretary, installed forty-eight members of the club as Alpha Lambda Alpha. Assisting with the ceremony were three alumnæ of Alpha Delta, Laura Fisher, Kathryn Townsley, and Inez Tracy. Following the installation, a banquet was held at Vernon Manor.

ALPHA MU ALPHA, AKRON-CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

On January 30, 1933, the Akron-Cuyahoga Falls alumnæ club was organized, gathering together the Ohio alumnæ of these two cities and the immediate vicinity. Since then the group has met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. The chief interest of the club from the time of its organization has been the Edwin Shaw Sanatorium for tubercular patients. Gifts of books to the childrens library there, individual gifts for the patients, and visits have all been made by the group, throughout the year and on Hera Day.

By 1935, the club had grown sufficiently to petition for a charter. It was installed as Alpha Mu Alpha on May 5, by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor.

ALPHA NU ALPHA, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Due to the efforts of Ruth Harlow Osborne, Lambda, the Cleveland alumnæ club was organized May 27, 1914. During the war the members gave Red Cross service as a part of the city Panhellenic group. The club joined the altruistic work of the fraternity by contributing to the support of a French orphan after the war, and then when the need for this service was past, again joined with the local Panhellenic in providing a scholarship for a student at Western Reserve University. At the present time it is the custom for the members to contribute to a Christmas basket for a needy family, and to dress dolls for poor children. On Hera Day the club sews for the City Hospital.

Dinner meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, followed by a social program. The group entertains members of the nearest active chapters, Alpha Eta, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Omicron, and Delta who are in Cleveland during the holidays, by a tea and fashion show. It gives summer rushing parties and gifts of money to help the active chapters.

On May 6, 1935, the club became the fifth Ohio alumnæ chapter. It was installed by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor, as Alpha Nu Alpha.

ALPHA XI ALPHA, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

For a number of years the Milwaukee alumnæ met socially before the organization of a club in 1915. The following year on November 17, a luncheon was held for Alpha Chi Omegas from all over the state. It was planned to make this an annual event, but this was not carried out.

The club's energies were diverted to the furnishing of an alumnæ room in Kappa's chapter house. Soon after this the club became inactive, due to insufficient membership. In 1924 it was reinstated officially, having been meeting informally for several years.

In 1932 the club again sponsored a state luncheon, and the following year gave a luncheon and bridge for the active girls living in the city. Some of the group always attend Kappa's homecoming banquet and the senior banquet at commencement time. Kappa has been given financial help by the group for its house furnishings, and the club has also given linen to the chapter. Rushing parties are given in Milwaukee for girls going both to the University and to Lawrence College. The club gave aid to the local group which became Beta Theta, and assisted at the installation.

National recognition as a chapter was petitioned for, and granted on April 25, 1935. On May 18 Alpha Xi Alpha was officially installed by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, with twenty-five charter members.

The chapter supports benefits sponsored by the local Panhellenic association to raise money for high school scholarships. It helps in Community Chest drives, and on Hera Day went through the Children's Hospital to learn of its needs, in order that it might be better equipped for this work.

ALPHA OMICRON ALPHA, DES MOINES, IOWA

In October 1914 the Des Moines alumnæ held their first meeting as a club. For more than two decades the group met regularly the last Tuesday of each month, alternating luncheon and supper followed by bridge or book reviews. Both rush help and money have been contributed to the Iowa chapters, and the alumnæ have been most active in local Panhellenic projects.

Marion Whitmore Webster, Xi, installed the twenty-three members of the group as Alpha Omicron Alpha on June 5, 1935, at a tea which was given in her honor. The new chapter plans to continue its work with the nearby chapters, and will continue to keep in touch with all alumnæ living in the southern part of Iowa.

ALPHA PI ALPHA, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

The alumnæ in Fort Wayne, Indiana, organized a club on June 13, 1933. The following November Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, assisted

by Hannah Keenan, Alpha, formally installed the group. In less than two years the membership grew sufficiently so that the group could petition for a charter. Again Miss Blacklidge officiated at the installation ceremony, which was followed by a dinner, on June 17, 1935.

The meetings of the chapter are largely social and are held on the first Monday evening of each month. Hera Day is observed by sewing for the Pixley Relief Home, and Alpha Pi Alpha contributes throughout the year to the City Panhellenic Scholarship.

ALBION, MICHIGAN

From May, 1914, until 1933 the club formed by the Albion alumnæ held regular meetings and maintained most cordial relations with Beta chapter. This was the first alumnæ group, too few in numbers to form a chapter, to receive official recognition. For two years, until the spring of 1935, no meetings were held, although the scattered alumnæ living in Albion continued to give active support to their undergraduate sisters. A petition for the club's reinstatement was presented by these alumnæ to the 1935 convention, which received unanimous approval.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The alumnæ of Albuquerque organized a club December 17, 1923. Its chief aim was to aid Alpha Gamma in securing a chapter house. It purchased land in an excellent location and helped the chapter perfect its building plans. The alumnæ have given the active group financial and social support, and helped to furnish the new house.

The club meets on the first Saturday of each month for luncheon followed by a program. Twice a year the alumnæ and the actives hold a joint banquet, and meet informally whenever possible.

ALLIANCE, OHIO

Since September, 1920, the alumnæ of Alliance have been holding regular meetings and helping the active chapter, Alpha Eta. The house which was built in 1927 was financed through the efforts of the club, and has been supported ever since. Monthly meetings are held there which are largely social in character, although musical and educational programs are also given. The club gives rush parties, assists the chapter socially, and contributes to the needs of its community by sewing for the poor.

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

The Appleton alumnæ were recognized as a club May 1, 1930. Since that time regular monthly meetings have been held at the homes of the members, on the first Monday. Contacts with Beta Theta are close and friendly. The alumnæ aid the chapter in rushing, and share most of its social affairs. During the week following Hera Day the group provides school lunches for a group of needy children, and further participates in community work by sewing for the Red Cross throughout the year.

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Addie Weltch Crosby, Tau, Southern Province President, assisted the alumnæ of Baton Rouge to organize in May, 1930. The club was officially recognized a year later. The group's chief interest is Beta Gamma, and close contact has been maintained with the chapter. Two pledges and two active girls are invited to each of the club's monthly meetings. These are held the third Tuesday evening, a coöperative supper being served. The club has taken upon itself the task of collecting the money due on alumnæ notes, which is applied to the active chapter's building fund. The object of both the active and alumnæ groups is to increase the fund so that the chapter will be ready to build a house when the University's plans are completed.

The Baton Rouge club has one member who is on the faculty of the State School for the Blind. Its altruistic work is devoted to this institution, where it gives a party on Hera Day for the children.

BILLINGS, MONTANA

Since March, 1928, the alumnæ in Billings have been holding regular meetings on the first Friday of each month at the homes of members. The club is purely social, making no attempt to carry on any sort of altruistic work in its community. It is interested in Alpha Xi chapter, to which it gives rushing assistance and frequent gifts.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Since the spring of 1929 the alumnæ in Bloomington have met regularly at the homes of members of the club on the second Wednesday of each month. The club helps its community by assisting with a scholarship for a high school girl, and by donations of canned goods to the local welfare society on Hera Day. It also rushes for Alpha Mu, and assists the chapter in its social functions and its initiations.

BOULDER, COLORADO

When Dale Pugh Hascall, Xi, Western Province President, visited Nu in 1915 she called a meeting of local alumnæ for the purpose of forming a club. It was nationally recognized that December. Since that time the club's main interest has been Nu chapter. Rush help, assistance in the initiation ceremony, gifts of linen and bedding, and social support have all been part of the club's contribution to the chapter. Meetings are held once a month, the date and entertainment being planned by the hostess. As a Hera Day activity in 1935 the group bought clothing for a young girl in the State Orphanage. Previous years the day has been observed by the individual members, not as a group.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Since October, 1931, the Burlington alumnæ have been meeting once each month. Contacts with the active chapter, Alpha Iota, have been frequent and intimate. The club has helped finance the chapter house, has presented it with gifts, and has materially assisted with rushing. The chapter house serves as headquarters for the alumnæ as well as the active girls. The club observes Hera Day by sewing for the Mary Fletcher Hospital. During 1934-35 it administered a scholarship which was given to a member of the active chapter.

CANTON, OHIO

In May, 1931, the alumnæ of Canton were installed as a club by Elizabeth Lichty, Alpha Eta. Since then the club has given valued assistance to Alpha Eta, Alpha Omicron, and Alpha Sigma by rushing Canton girls, and by supporting benefits given by the chapters. Three house bonds have been purchased from Alpha Omicron, and a cash contribution made to Alpha Eta's house fund.

The club's meetings are largely social, usually held at the homes of members. Sewing is done at some of the meetings for the Needlework guild, to which the club makes an annual gift of infants' clothes. In 1934 and 1935 the club also contributed to the national scholarship fund of the fraternity. As a Hera Day project the group outfits a worthy high-school girl for commencement.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

On the last Monday evening of each month, the alumnæ living in Cheyenne meet at the homes of the members for a short business ses-

sion, followed by bridge. They organized October 17, 1928, in order to make more effective their interest in the petitioning group at the University of Wyoming which later became Beta Kappa. Since that time the club has continued its interest in the active chapter, and has helped it with rushing and with an annual gift at Christmas time.

CONNECTICUT

The alumnæ who live in Connecticut are widely scattered; therefore, one club serves for the whole state. It was organized in May, 1930, and since then has met alternately in New Haven and Hartford. Occasionally a meeting is held in some other city in order that the more distant members may have opportunity to attend. The meetings are social. Each year the club sends a Christmas gift of linens made by the members to Alpha Iota.

CORVALLIS, OREGON

The alumnæ of Corvallis organized a club in 1925. Due to the loss in the mail of its petition, the group was not nationally recognized until the following year, on March 8, 1926. The new club immediately started work to finance Chi's new chapter house. Now only did it carry this project to a successful conclusion, but it has also furnished the guest room and recently redecorated the chapter room. This last undertaking was in the form of the 1935 Hera Day service.

The alumnæ meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the homes of members. Often the group meets with Chi for dinner or some other social function.

DAYTON, OHIO

Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, National Secretary, installed the alumnæ of Dayton in October, 1934. The group organized for social purposes, and meets for dinner the third Wednesday of each month. Since its organization is so recent, no altruistic work has been undertaken except its Hera Day activity. The group made scrap books and cookies which the members took to children in the sanitarium for victims of infantile paralysis.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

The alumnæ of Decatur organized a club in 1917 for the purpose of aiding Upsilon chapter. Constant assistance has been given the active girls. The alumnæ planned and built the chapter house, and took

complete charge of financing it. They assist with rushing each year, and hold three social meetings with the active group. Many of the regular monthly meetings are held at the chapter house, although some are at the homes of members. Two program meetings are held annually on Founders' Day and on the club's anniversary; at all other times the group is social in its activities.

At the 1926 Founders' Day banquet a scholarship cup was presented to the active chapter, upon which is engraved the name of the best student each year. The organization of the Mothers' Club was sponsored by the alumnae group. Each Hera Day the club does some definitely constructive work in the community. In 1935 this took the form of gifts of books and equipment for the Gunhild Johnson Memorial Room for crippled children.

EL PASO, TEXAS

Although there is but a small group of alumnae in El Paso, a club was organized in October, 1932. The alumnae meet for purely social purposes on the first Saturday of each month at some hotel where luncheon is served. An occasional tea is held at which rush plans are made, or rushing is carried on for the benefit of Alpha Phi and Alpha Gamma. To both chapters the club has sent contributions of money from time to time.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

On June 24, 1920, a group of alumnae met to organize a club in Evansville. Its petition was granted the following October. The first activity was the formation of a city Panhellenic, of which one of the club's members was elected president. Interests are almost entirely social. The meetings, on the third Tuesday of each month, are held at the homes of members. The club does some rushing, although it has no immediate contacts with any active chapter, and recommends girls to the four chapters in the state.

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

The alumnae of Fargo were formally installed as a club on September 26, 1934, by Florence Henderson, Alpha Pi, acting as deputy for the National Secretary. The group meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesday evenings at the homes of members. During its brief period of organization the club has sold tickets for a benefit

for the active chapter, Alpha Pi, and covered a chair for the chapter house.

The club participates in the altruistic work of the fraternity by sending clothing to a home for crippled children, making scrap-books, and collecting magazines, as a Hera Day activity. Contributions have been made to the local Panhellenic scholarship, and the money raising functions of this organization are supported by the club members.

FLINT, MICHIGAN

On February 19, 1925, the Flint alumnae club was organized, and petitioned for recognition which was granted on May 14. Since then regular meetings have been held the third Tuesday evening of each month. The club has devoted much time to sewing for a welfare organization. A needy family has been adopted by the group and is cared for throughout the year. On Hera Day, 1935, the club collected money from its members to send a school girl to summer camp. Some similar activity is carried on each year.

GRAY'S HARBOR, ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON

In January, 1917, the alumnae of Aberdeen organized, and the club thus formed has been meeting ever since on the first Tuesday of each month at the members' homes. The club sends recommendations to the nearest active chapter, Rho, and also to the Oregon chapters. It has also contributed articles for Rho's bazaars, and bought a chapter house bond.

The club is active also in the work of its community, supporting a scholarship girl, and giving an annual award of \$25 to the girl graduating from high school with the most outstanding musical ability. Contributions are made to the milk fund, and sewing for the Red Cross holds a secure place in the annual activities. Hera Day is especially recognized by gifts of jam and jelly to the Oakhurst Sanitarium.

GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

From 1916 until 1923 the alumnae living in Greencastle were organized as a club for the purpose of assisting Alpha Chapter. After a dormant period lasting for a decade, the group was reorganized, but did not petition for national recognition until February, 1935. During all these years, even while the club was inactive, the individual alumnae

gave rush help to the chapter, and entertained each graduating class. The sun parlor in the chapter house was furnished by the group. Local charity has played a large part in the club's activities, especially on Hera Day, when gifts are sent to needy children.

GREENSBURG, INDIANA

The alumnae of Greensburg and the vicinity were organized in November, 1915. Because of the scattered membership, meetings are held bi-monthly. The club's interest centers in Alpha, since all the members are alumnae of that chapter. Gifts for the house are sent from time to time, and the group always rushes eligible girls for all the Indiana chapters. Donations to the children's milk fund was the club's Hera Day activity. During the war a French orphan was supported. No further scholarship work has been attempted since that time.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Lois Shortess, Kappa, installed the alumnae of Houston as a club on May 31, 1934. Monthly meetings have been held since that time, social in character. The club has given support in rushing to Alpha Phi, and has contributed financially whenever it has been able to do so. Sewing for a school for tubercular children has constituted the Hera Day activity of the group for several years.

IOWA CITY, IOWA

When June Hamilton Rhodes, Mu, Central Province President, visited Iowa City in 1916 the alumnae organized to assist Sigma chapter. After a brief period the club became inactive due to loss of members who had moved away. In 1921 it was reorganized, having petitioned again for recognition. Since that time regular meetings have been held on the first Monday of each month. The club's interest is centered in Sigma. The new chapter house was made possible by alumnae work. The members of the club took charge of remodeling it to suit the chapter needs, and also assisted in landscaping the grounds. Each year rush help is given the active group.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

In the spring of 1928 the alumnae in Jackson formed a club to further the work of extension in Mississippi and to aid the nearest ac-

tive chapters. Meetings are held the first Saturday of alternate months, with luncheon followed by a social program. The club has sent recommendations to nearby chapters and despite its small number of members, has maintained its organization.

KAY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

On March 16, 1929, the alumnæ in Kay County sent a petition to the fraternity for recognition as a club. Meetings have been held regularly ever since, in the various towns throughout the county. The club's chief interest is Psi chapter. It gives rush parties during the summer, assists at the regular rushing season, and raises money to supplement the chapter house furnishings.

The club is social in character, but also does some work in its community. Magazines, old clothes and toys were given to the orphans' home as a Hera Day activity in 1935.

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

The LaFayette alumnæ club was installed June 8, 1926, by Abbie Biederwolf Carson, Alpha. Before its installation, the alumnæ together with Alpha Beta's Mothers' Club established a scholarship to the memory of Lucy Wade, Alpha Beta, which is given annually to some student at Purdue University. This has been continued by the club. Other community service is in the form of Hera Day activity, when the club sews for a local orphanage.

Alpha Beta has been assisted by the alumnæ financially and socially. Its adviser is a member of the group, and the contacts between the two organizations are close. Alumnæ are often invited to the chapter house for dinner, or for meetings with the actives. The regular meetings of the club are held the second Tuesday of each month, with dinner at the homes of members.

LOGAN, UTAH

At the time of Beta Xi's installation the newly initiated alumnæ formed a club, on May 29, 1934. Its organization was completed by Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President, who was one of the installing officers for the active chapter.

The club meets once a month for dinner with the active chapter, holding its regular meeting at the same time. Since the membership has grown to eighteen, the group hopes soon to become a chapter.

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

On the fourth Friday of the month the alumnae in Long Beach meet at each other's homes. The club was organized in May, 1929. Its members sew for the Red Cross and contribute annually to the community milk fund.

MOSCOW, IDAHO

March, 1935, witnessed the first meeting of the Moscow alumnae who at that time formed a club. Before the definite organization the alumnae for a long time had assisted Alpha Rho in rushing and in social functions of all kinds. The club has purchased a fraternity ring to be awarded each year to the freshman making the highest scholastic average. There has been no opportunity as yet for organized altruistic endeavor, but the club is making plans for the coming year.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

The National President, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, installed the alumnae of Norfolk as a club on November 10, 1934. The group meets at some hotel for luncheon on the fourth Saturday of each month. Since its organization is so recent, there has been little opportunity for contact with any active chapter. The group plans to assist Beta Delta with rushing in the fall of 1935. The only altruistic work undertaken so far is the Hera Day celebration, which consisted of contributions of needed articles to the Day Nursery.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

In May 1915 the Omaha alumnae formed a club purely for social purposes. After two years of regular meetings the group decided that it should do some worth while work, so it adopted a French orphan for three years, and sewed for the Visiting Nurses' Association. Since the war, the club has continued its community interest, sewing each year for some charitable organization. Its Hera Day activity is making scrap books for children in hospitals.

When Xi chapter built its house, the Omaha alumnae furnished the guest room, and refurnished it in 1934. They attend the annual banquet at Xi's chapter house, and they entertain both Xi and Kappa Kappa at tea each spring in Omaha.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The alumnae of Phoenix formed a club early in 1925, but did not petition for national recognition until two years later. They were officially recognized on November 24, 1927. The club gives an annual rushing party for girls who are planning to attend the University of Arizona. Members of Beta Lambda usually come to this party. The club has made several contributions to the chapter's scholarship fund, and has given Beta Lambda an annual Christmas gift. One of the members of the club always goes to the chapter house to assist with rushing. An annual Hera Day contribution is made to one of the Phoenix schools, to be used for clothing or lunches for some needy child.

PUEBLO, COLORADO

The alumnae of Pueblo organized in December 1915, most of them being from Nu chapter in which the club's major interest lies. Each year a prize is given to the freshman having the highest scholarship, the award being \$10 in 1935. Money is sent to the chapter house for its furnishings whenever possible, as are gifts of silver and linen.

During the year several needy families are given food, clothing, or other necessities. At its meeting on the third Saturday evening of each month the club has book reviews, bridge, sewing, or some other form of entertainment, followed by refreshments. It supports local Panhellenic activities, and contributes to the scholarship maintained by this group.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The Richmond alumnae club received recognition on February 18, 1933. It meets each month at the homes of members, of whom there are sixteen. The club has not attempted any altruistic work, but has concentrated on interesting its members, and on social activities. In the spring of 1935 it sponsored a luncheon for the purpose of organizing a city Panhellenic from the members of the fifteen national fraternities represented in Richmond.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Six weeks after its organization the Rockford club was installed by Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, on May 8, 1935, ten chapters being represented in the twenty-two members. The group plans to contribute to the national altruistic work of the fraternity, and it also plans to

become a chapter as soon as its organization is completely stabilized. The club draws its members from Beloit, Belvidere, and Freeport, as well as from Rockford.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Alma Smith Chambers, Pi, installed the Sacramento Valley alumnæ as a club in 1930. At first only three meetings a year were held, now increased to five. The meetings vary, in order to fit in with the interests and occupations of the members. Luncheons, picnics, teas, and evening card parties have all been tried, with good results. The programs at these meetings are book reviews, professional experiences of members, music or cards.

Several rushing parties have been given for Pi chapter. Since the distance is more than ninety miles, frequent contact with the active group is impossible.

The club's altruistic interest centers in the Sunmount Tuberculosis Preventorium, an institution which cares for undernourished children. At Thanksgiving jelly is sent there; at Christmas, gifts of books and toys and homemade cookies; and at Easter, in celebration of Hera Day, baskets of bunnies and ducks and chicks, all cut out of cookie dough. Food and clothing have also been sent in the past to needy families.

SAGINAW VALLEY, MICHIGAN

Alumnæ from Bay City, Saginaw, and nearby towns were installed as the Saginaw Valley alumnæ club by Bernice Rowe Wright, Theta, on April 17, 1926. The club was organized for social purposes, but has done constructive work in its community in the past few years. In 1934 it administered a scholarship. Each year it sews for various welfare agencies. The nearest chapter, Beta Epsilon, receives rush help from the group, and gifts from time to time.

Meetings are social in character, and are held the second Saturday of each month.

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Fifteen alumnæ in Santa Ana and the vicinity were installed as a club April 27, 1935, by Mildred Lantz Masser, Pi, Pacific Province President. The group is so recently organized that very little of a definite nature can be said about it. The club plans social meetings, and rushing parties for the California chapters.

SALEM, OREGON

Most of the alumnæ living in Salem were members of the alumnæ organization in Portland before 1921. In that year their numbers had increased sufficiently to warrant a separate club. Its petition was granted in May, 1921, and the club has met once a month ever since. It early began to participate in the national scholarship work of the fraternity, adopting its first child in 1924. For a long time it was the only club active in this work. Six more children were adopted from time to time, the present one being a high school girl.

The club helps the two Oregon chapters by giving local rushing parties, and making various gifts of linen. It coöperates with local charities, and has sponsored musicales to raise funds for its scholarship children. Hera Day is observed by giving financial aid and personal entertainment for the Tuberculosis Hospital.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

On April 23, 1927, an organization luncheon was held by the alumnæ living in San Antonio. These are very few in number, but they have met regularly, and have continued to assist Alpha Phi chapter ever since the club was formed. The group meets at the homes of members on the second Monday of each month. Although largely social in character, still the club finds real interest in making rushing plans and carrying them out for the active chapter.

SCHENECTADY-ALBANY, NEW YORK

The alumnæ of Schenectady and Albany were invited to meet at the home of Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, late in 1931. Here they decided to organize a club, which was formally installed January 18, 1932, by Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, Atlantic Province President. The meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month are largely social, but the group is also interested in scholarship work. A girl was assisted during 1933-34, and a second high school student was adopted by the club the following year. On Hera Day food and clothing are given to needy families. The club has also sent gifts of linen to Beta Mu chapter.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

The installation of the Shreveport alumnæ club was conducted by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, National Vice-President, on Oc-

tober 25, 1926. Although the club is very small it assists Beta Gamma with rushing and sends the chapter gifts from time to time. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the homes of the members. They are usually social in character.

SIoux CITY, IOWA

Since July, 1926, the Sioux City alumnæ have met regularly, usually at monthly dinners. The main interest of the club has been Sigma chapter, which it helps in rushing.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

On October 19, 1928, Mildred Blackledge, Alpha, installed the alumnæ of South Bend as a club. Since that time regular meetings have been held at the homes of members on the second Saturday of each month. The group has no direct contacts with any active chapter, but rushes individuals who are planning to attend any of the colleges in which chapters of the fraternity are located. The group's altruistic work consists of sewing for the orphans' home, which it visits on Hera Day.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The alumnæ club in Springfield was organized February 23, 1923. It immediately interested itself in the formation of a city Panhellenic organization, which was completed soon after this. The club has never administered a children's scholarship, but has contributed to the national fund for that purpose. It holds an annual joint meeting with the Decatur club and Upsilon chapter. Other meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the homes of members. The group serves its community by assisting with poor relief, and observes Hera Day by preparing a meal for needy children at the Y.W.C.A.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

In December of 1931 Alice Mustard Adams, Zeta, installed the alumnæ club of Tacoma. Its meetings for a long time were purely social. They are held the last Monday of each month at the homes of the members, usually for the purpose of playing bridge. In 1933 the group decided to administer a scholarship, and set about raising money and finding a suitable girl. A four year scholarship of \$115 a year was started, and given to a young college girl who has now completed her sophomore work. Part of this fund is contributed by the club, and part is received from national sources.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Since January 30, 1923, the alumnæ of Topeka have been meeting regularly on the first Tuesday of every month. Contacts with both Omicron and Phi have been frequent, and the club has given substantial aid to Phi in the purchase of house furnishings. In 1926 the first scholarship child was adopted, a university girl who was put through her entire course. After her graduation several other young girls were assisted with their schooling, although the club is not administering a scholarship at the present time.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The Tulsa club was installed by its president, Ann Anderson Mauldin, Psi, on March 6, 1926. The group meets the third Tuesday evening of each month for a buffet supper, followed by a business meeting and bridge. The club centers its active chapter interest in Phi and Psi. Rush help is given the two chapters, and the members of the club visit them on alumnæ day and at initiation time.

Community service is given by the administration of a scholarship for a high school girl. Several other girls have been outfitted in the past at the time of their graduation. Toys are taken each Christmas to Morningside Hospital, to which gifts of clothing for crippled children are sent on Hera Day.

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

In 1926 the alumnæ of Walla Walla became interested in a group of girls at Whitman College who were petitioning Alpha Chi Omega. To the end that a chapter might be established there, the alumnæ completed their own organization, and were formally recognized by the fraternity a year later. The group worked with the petitioners, and assisted at Beta Zeta's installation in 1928. The relationship between the two groups has continued to be pleasant and mutually helpful. The alumnæ assist with rushing, and join with the chapter in Hera Day activities, usually in collecting food and clothing for needy families, and in giving a party for poor children, as well as participating in the celebration of Founders' Day. Girls in the chapter who have been in need of financial assistance have received it from the alumnæ. In 1934 the club gave Beta Zeta a cup on which is engraved annually the name of the junior girl who has best served her chapter.

WICHITA, KANSAS

The Wichita alumnæ formed a club January 22, 1922. Business and bridge meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the homes of the members. The club rushes local girls for both Omicron and Phi. Two high school girls are given financial help and clothing each year. Every Christmas the club dresses dolls for poor children, and it further serves its community by entertaining the inmates of the Old Ladies' Home on Hera Day.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

The Yakima alumnæ organized in January, 1934. The club meets the first Thursday of each month. It has helped both Rho and Omega by giving rushing teas, and its service to its own community fills many meetings. Magazines and playing cards are collected for the County Hospital, sewing is done for the Red Cross, and a Christmas box sent each year to some deserving high school girl. The club has also given parties for the girls from the two active chapters in order to promote acquaintance between the groups.

Fraternity Government

ALPHA CHI OMEGA is governed by a National Council consisting of seven members, elected biennially by the national convention. The Council has complete legislative and executive power save that of amending the constitution, which is vested in the convention alone. In all else, during each biennium between the assemblies of the fraternity at large the Council constitutes the directing force.

The present system of government has evolved through three well defined stages. For the first six years, from 1885 to 1891, Alpha chapter held the legislative power. Thereafter, until 1898 general officers were elected from the chapters in rotation, and the legislative power rested with the national convention. The Grand Council, later called the National Council, was inaugurated in 1898.

Thirteen years were destined to pass before the original plan of government was materially altered to meet the demands of a growing and progressive organization. During that time, with the exception of a two year period for Beta, Alpha was given the title of Grand Chapter. The duties and powers of this body differed materially from those of the later Grand Chapter, the national convention. Just two years before the present system was established, the convention decided "that Alpha be Grand Chapter always." This not only speaks of the fraternity's confidence in the mother chapter, but testifies eloquently to the futility of legislating for eternity, for in 1904 the national convention was christened the Grand Chapter. Under the guidance of the officers of Alpha, the original Grand Chapter had legislative power until the first convention, 1891.

The first general officers were elected at the initial convention. For the next seven years the assembly met annually with the exception of 1892 and 1895. During this period the conventions governed the fraternity, advisory power being divided between the general officers and Alpha as Grand Chapter. One delegate officially represented each chapter at these conventions, and each had one vote.

In 1898 two decisive changes were made in the governing system. These were the creation of a Grand Council, and the provision for biennial assemblies. From that time until the present the national

convention technically has constituted the supreme ruling power of Alpha Chi Omega. It is composed of the National Council, the Province Presidents, and one official delegate from each active and alumnae chapter, each member having one vote. In 1908 the voting privilege was extended to the past National Presidents and in 1916 to the Founders. Official attendance on the part of the National Council, Province officers and delegates is obligatory. Each chapter is permitted to send alternate delegates but this in no way affects the number of votes.

The powers of the national convention are stated in the Constitution as follows:

The National Convention shall have power to transact all business of the fraternity and to enact, subject to this Constitution, all laws, rules, and regulations necessary to promote the welfare of the fraternity; to provide for and define in the Code the duties of the chapters, chapter officers and members of the fraternity; to provide in the Code for the creation and disbursement of all revenues of the fraternity; to grant charters to active and alumnae chapters subject to the rulings of the Constitution; to establish the provinces of the fraternity; to elect the members of the National Council; and to amend this Constitution. A three-fourths vote of all voting members present shall be necessary.

The National Council has continued to be the balance wheel which has maintained a true adjustment in policies and in the countless matters which must be dealt with in the intervals between conventions. It is composed of seven officers elected from alumnae of proved ability by the national convention to the positions of National President, National Vice-President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counsellor (2), and National Editor. Various changes have been made in these offices since the creation of the first Council in 1898. The office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Editor have remained essentially the same from the first, although the duties of the last two named were combined in one office from 1919 until 1929. A National Historian was added in 1902 and continued in office until 1910, when the first History of Alpha Chi Omega was written. At the 1904 convention, the office of Inspector was created, which has evolved into that of the present National Counsellor. This office has also absorbed that of the Council Delegate, who was made a voting member of the National Council in 1922. For a time there were two Vice-Presidents, the second having been created in 1915 to care for extension work, while the first took charge of alumnae organization. The extension work was placed in the hands of the Secretary-Editor in 1926, when the office of Extension Vice-President was abolished.

During the interim between conventions, the Council is the supreme governing body of the fraternity, its real administrative force. For five years after its creation its business was transacted entirely through correspondence. As this method proved inadequate, in 1902 it was decided that the Council should meet in the inter-convention years at a time and place determined upon by the Council itself. Since then it has also met before each convention, thus making its conferences annual.

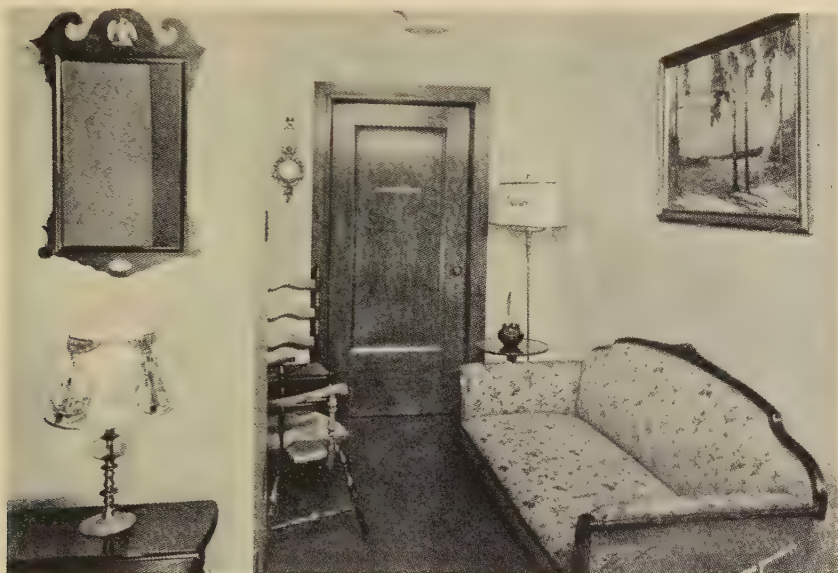
The duties of the National President have come to be most complex, and the only limitations on the service rendered are those of strength, time, and endurance. The President is not a salaried officer. As the fraternity's presiding official, she arranges for and presides at all Council meetings and conventions; she directs, assists, and reviews the work of her fellow-councillors; she attends all installations of new chapters, and all province conventions. She appoints all province officers, and all committees and supervises their work. As chairman of the executive committee, and of the finance committee, countless matters of routine business go through her hands, and all financial considerations must receive her approval. The National President is indeed expected to be "all things to all people." Much depends upon her vision, personality, and power in guiding the fraternity. In the last analysis, the progress of the fraternity, its growth and development, and the maintenance of the ideal of womanhood rests with the National President. Alpha Chi Omega has been indeed fortunate in its choice of women to fill this most important office.

The National Vice-President had no specific administrative functions before 1915. In that year, the organization and supervision of alumnæ all over the country became her responsibility—a task to challenge the initiative of any individual. Her duties have been increased materially since that time. She is the director of the altruistic work of the fraternity. She arranges for the informal inspection of alumnæ chapters and clubs, and sees to it that all alumnæ are kept informed of current fraternity problems through the medium of an annual letter. She it is who keeps alive the interest of the vast majority of Alpha Chi Omega's members. Besides this she carries her share of the general administrative work of the fraternity.

From the early days, when the Secretary's duties were simply those of attention to some correspondence, and the keeping of records, there has been a steady increase in the work, until today the volume of busi-

ness which passes through the hands of the National Secretary has reached proportions which would have seemed stupendous to her predecessors. As the tasks devolving upon her increased, it became apparent to the Council that something must be done to provide for the filing of records, and for the more business like handling of the fraternity's affairs. In 1919 therefore a Central Office was established, and the duties of the Secretary were combined with those of Editor of *The Lyre*, in order that a salaried position might be made possible. Many miscellaneous duties were added, and numerous chairmanships imposed upon the willing incumbent, Mary Emma Griffith Marshall. For three years she struggled along with makeshift tools, until the Colorado Springs convention authorized an allowance for office rent. Then was the first Central Office fitted up with the furnishing that were deemed necessary. It was located in Washington, D.C., and remained there until the death of Mrs. Marshall in 1925. During her régime, she built the foundation of the present organization, and pointed the way to the vastly increased service which the office gives today. The office was moved to Lansing, Michigan, the home of Mrs. Marshall's successor, where it was expanded into a suite of rooms. With an ever lengthening chapter roll as the result of the impetus education received following the war, with an almost doubled membership, and a great increase in fraternity wealth, it soon became apparent that the work of the office could no longer be carried on by one individual, no matter how efficient. Therefore the convention in 1926 authorized a full time salaried assistant who was to assume responsibility for the routine business, and leave the Secretary-Editor free for constructive thought and organization work. At the same time, the office of Extension Vice-President was abolished, all the details of extension investigation and the installation of new chapters being placed under the jurisdiction of the Secretary. In 1926 alumnæ notes, theretofore taken care of by the National Treasurer, were also transferred to the Central Office. In 1929 the resignation of the Secretary-Editor occasioned a further reorganization. It seemed expedient to again separate the combined offices, for it was realized that the qualities which make an efficient business executive are seldom combined with the literary judgment essential to a good Editor. The Secretary since then has continued to act as business manager and finance chairman of *The Lyre*. In 1929, the working equipment of the Central Office was moved to Indianapolis. This seemed to be a particularly fitting location, in that Indiana

is the birthplace of the fraternity, and furthermore, since there are available many Alpha Chi Omegas who can be called upon to furnish office assistance when necessary. The present modern and efficient business equipment of the fraternity is housed in a suite in the Chamber of Commerce Building. A small reception room, furnished in early American style, welcomes the visitor, and affords comfortable and



CENTRAL OFFICE RECEPTION ROOM

attractive surroundings for relaxation. The National Secretary's office and two workrooms complete the suite. These are equipped with steel filing cabinets, which hold correspondence, supplies of all kinds, a card index of *Lyre*, geographical, catalogue, and directory cards for each member of the fraternity, and each member's initiation record. Typewriters, a mimeograph, calculator, and addressograph complete the equipment. The Central Office is the mechanical center about which the fraternity moves. It gives to all the Council freedom from an immense amount of routine; it serves as a clearing house for reports, and a bureau of information and statistics.

It handles the compiling, editing, publication and distribution of the Directory, the Alumnae Manual and Letter, the Mothers' Club

Handbook, Pledge Handbook, the *Heraeum*, and the Ceremonies and Prescribed Forms. Supplies for all initiates, chapter and officers' handbooks, stationery, all printed forms of which there are fifty-five now in use, fraternity bookplates, bookmarks, and playing cards are all distributed from the Central Office. All correspondence relating to extension is handled here and complete files are retained. Records are kept of all installations. Files of deceased and expelled members, of active and alumnæ officers, and of nationally prominent members of the fraternity are kept up to date.

Stencils, approximating 200 annually are cut, and about 40,000 copies of form letters are mailed to officers and chapters. The material which is to be preserved in the archives is collected and sorted here, and then sent to the storage vault in Greencastle. Since the National Secretary is also the business manager of *The Lyre*, the office cares for preparing copy for the directory, calendar, and advertising sections of the quarterly. A stencil file is kept up to date, and approximately 13,000 mailing wrappers are addressed for each issue. Card files of subscribers and exchanges are kept.

The National Secretary is also the Custodian of the Badge, Custodian of the Songbook, and chairman of the *Lyre* finance board. She devotes her entire time to the business of the fraternity and is the only salaried officer of Alpha Chi Omega.

The National Editor, before the days of the combined office, handled the business of *The Lyre's* publication as well as journalistic duties. Since the separation of this office from that of the Secretary in 1930, the Editor deals solely with the literary portion of the work of getting out the fraternity's quarterly journal. As a member of the National Council, she assists with the administrative work of the fraternity. She is, of course, a member of the Editor's Conference of the National Panhellenic Congress, and attends its meetings.

None of the business of the fraternity would be possible were it not for the stable and well organized financial system. Its development has been correlative with the growth and development of other departments. During the first years of Alpha Chi Omega's existence the finances were controlled by Alpha Chapter. With the increase in the number of chapters, installation fees and annual chapters dues have been paid into the national treasury for the general maintenance of the fraternity. This fund provides for the correspondence carried on by the National officers, for their expenses to Council meetings, conven-

tions, visits of inspection, for the installation of new chapters, the maintenance of Central Office and its force, the railroad fare of chapter delegates to conventions, and philanthropic projects. From the beginning, the chief concern of the Treasurer has been the handling of these funds. In addition, she budgets all the fraternity money, keeps accurate records, and carefully supervises chapter finances, concerning which she requires a detailed monthly report from each chapter. The National Treasurer serves as chairman of the convention finance committee, handles the convention fund started in 1919, and is responsible for the financial success of all national assemblies. In 1922, with the adoption of a new plan, all the files of *alumnæ* notes were brought to the Treasurer's office, where they were cared for until their transfer to the Central Office in 1926. In 1934, the Treasurer was made chairman of the investment committee, giving her heavily increased responsibilities. She is a bonded officer, and can make no disbursements without the approval of the National President.

The present office of National Counsellor is the result of a long series of changes. When the 1904 convention added an Inspector to the Council, a new era dawned for the fraternity. An important step was thus taken toward closer understanding and coöperation between the National Council and the chapters, and a firmer stand was made for high scholarship and for thorough business methods within the chapters. The Inspector, or a representative appointed by her, visited each active chapter in the interim between the conventions. During these visits she not only became closely acquainted with the active members of the chapter and inspected their books, records, and equipment, but she also held conferences with the dean of women, the alumna adviser, the hostess, and members of the faculty in order to learn the standing of the group on the campus, and the scholarship of the individual members. When possible she met with the local Panhellenic association, for, since she usually attended the meetings of the National Panhellenic Congress, she was well versed in matters of vital interest to all fraternities. The results of her investigation were reported to the other members of the National Council. The Inspector also served as a member of the executive committee.

In 1922, the office of Council Delegate was created. She assisted with the work of inspection, and assumed any other responsibility delegated to her by other members of the Council. By 1928, it was felt that the contact with the active chapters, which had greatly increased

in number, could more efficiently be carried out if the inspecting officer devoted her entire time to the work. Consequently, the Council Delegate was made a salaried officer by action of the Mackinac convention and the office of Inspector was eliminated. This was found to be a satisfactory solution and resulted in much closer contact with and supervision of the active chapters. Longer visits with each chapter were made possible and the Delegate was available at all times to go wherever she was needed. Unfortunately no suitable person could be found who was willing to give her whole time to fraternity work when the next elections were held in 1930. The old system was therefore reinstated, and the officer was again termed National Inspector. Her title was changed to National Counsellor in 1933.

The 1935 convention added a second Counsellor to share the work of inspection in the interests of efficiency and economy. It was found impossible for a part time worker to do all the necessary travelling and at the same time do justice to the equally essential desk work of the office. The two Counsellors were elected with regard to geographic location, so that long trips across the country might be eliminated. The work of two standing committees was added to their duties at this same convention, since it was felt that national contacts with pledges and the placing of hostesses in chapter houses were both definitely administrative functions which might better be in the hands of Council members where there was a full knowledge of all local situations. The office of pledge chairman was created at the 1929 Council meeting, to serve as a link between the Council and the new pledges. A letter of greeting was sent to each pledge, and a second letter to her parents, acquainting them with the ideals and obligations of the fraternity. These have been sent out each subsequent year. In the spring of 1930, questionnaires were sent to each chapter to determine how many pledges were being initiated. The following year a study plan was devised to assist the chapter vice-president in conducting pledge meetings. Suggestions to interest the "left-over" pledge were sent out in 1934. All this work now becomes a part of the functions of one of the Counsellors.

The work of the old chaperon and social relationships committee, which has been absorbed in the duties of the other Counsellor, has assumed astonishing proportions in the past five years. The first record of any national interest in this matter is in 1908, when the Council ruled that all chapter houses should have resident chaperons.

The following year it recommended that all chaperons be paid a salary in addition to their remuneration of board and room, in the interests of efficient service. No further action was taken, other than to see that chapters fulfilled individual university requirements, until 1917 when a committee on social custom was appointed. This committee sought to establish standards of good breeding and correct social observance in all chapters, and to advise them in their choice of chaperons. Since 1928 the actual appointment of all hostesses in the fraternity's chapter houses has been in the hands of the committee, which coöperates with the *alumnæ* advisers and the deans of women. In only one or two instances does the dean insist on making the appointment herself without consulting the fraternity's wishes. On most campuses the deans welcome coöperation in this matter. Alpha Chi Omega was the first fraternity to place stress on the proper selection of its chapters' standard bearers. Prior to 1928, a chaperon was engaged and dismissed at the whim of a chapter, more than two-thirds being changed each year. By 1930, the personnel had been so completely reorganized that of the forty-seven fraternity appointees only seven were changed the following year. This percentage has decreased so that in 1935, only five of fifty-two chapters made any change in their hostess. This stability of organization results in efficiency and the elimination of discordant factors. In order that the chapters may not suffer, the Council ruled in 1935 that no hostess may serve a chapter longer than five years, except with special dispensation in unusual circumstances. The National Counsellor who now takes over the work of the chaperon committee keeps on file a large number of applications for these positions. She arranges interviews with some officer of the fraternity before any appointment is made, and maintains correspondence with each appointee, as well as with each chapter. Preference is given to members of the fraternity, and the policy of placing *alumnæ* as hostesses in the chapter houses is becoming more and more general.

Besides these specific duties, the two Counsellors appoint all *alumnæ* advisers, instruct them, and supervise their work. They approve all loans made from the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan fund. They, with the Province Presidents, visit all chapters, and care for the necessary follow-up work, as well as the complete inspection reports which go to the other members of the National Council. They are not salaried officers. Essentially, the Counsellors are the liaison officers between the Council and the fraternity at large.

NATIONAL

<i>Term of Office¹</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1891-1893 ² (Oct. to Feb.)	Janette Allen, B	Bertha Moore, A	Mary Stanford, F
1893-1894 (Feb. to Mar.)	Mary Stanford, F	Charlotte Weber, Δ	Leila Skelton, F (to Sept. 1893) Ella Strong, F Ella Strong, F
1894-1896 (Mar. to Apr.)	Charlotte Weber, Δ	Mayme Jennings, A	Gertrude Ogden, Δ
1896-1897 (Apr. to Apr.)	Mary Janet Wilson, A		Gertrude Ogden, Δ
1897-1898 (Apr. to Dec.)	Mary Janet Wilson, A	Winifred Bartholomew, Θ	Gertrude Ogden, Δ (to 1899) Florence Harper, Δ Florence Harper, Δ
1898-1900 ³ (Dec. to Dec.)	Raeburn Cowger, A	Spice Belle South, Z	Laura Howe, Z
1900-1902 (Dec. to Nov.)	Raeburn Cowger, A	Virginia Fisk, Θ	Laura Howe, Z
1902-1905 ⁴ (Nov. to Jan.)	Kate Calkins, B	Bertha Sackett, Δ (to 1906) Mary Jones Tennant, A Marcia Clark Howell, Θ	Laura Howe, Z
1905-1907 (Jan. to Jan.)	Kate Calkins, B		Laura Howe, Z
1907-1909 (Jan. to Jan.)	Alta Allen Loud, B	Fay Barnaby Kent, Δ	Myrta McKean Dennis, F
1909-1910 (Jan. to Nov.)	Alta Allen Loud, B	Fay Barnaby Kent, Δ	Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Z
1910-1912 (Nov. to Sept.)	Evangeline Bridge, Z		Lillian Zimmerman, K Myra Jones, A (to 1917) Gretchen Gootch Troster, I Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, P (to Sept. 1921) Esther Barney Wilson, B
1912-1915 ⁵ 1915-1919 ⁶	Alta Allen Loud, B Alta Allen Loud, B	Fay Barnaby Kent, Δ 1st: Lillian Zimmerman, K 2nd: Maud Staiger Steiner, Θ	Esther Barney Wilson, B
1919-1922	Elizabeth Dunn Prins, I (to March 1920) Myra Jones, A, Acting (March to July 1920) Gladys Livingston Graff, Z Gladys Livingston Graff, Z	1st: Myra Jones, A (to Jan. 1922) Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O 2nd: Myrna Van Zandt Ben- nett, Φ Alumnæ—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O	Esther Barney Wilson, B
1922-1924 ⁷		Extension—Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ Alumnæ—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O	Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ
1924-1926	Beatrice Herron Brown, A	Extension—Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O	Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ
1926-1928	Beatrice Herron Brown, A	Lou Babcock, B	Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ
1928-1930	Ethel Mead Van Auken, Δ		Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ
1930-1935 ⁸ 1935-	Ethel Mead Van Auken, Δ Minerva Osborn Donald, II	Minerva Osborn Donald, II Addie Welch Crosby, T	Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ Verna Hyder Boyles, Ξ

¹ Officers are elected at the close of each convention, taking office two months later.

² From 1885 to 1891 Alpha's officers served as general officers for the fraternity, until the first convention.

³ Council created in 1898; government transferred to it from the conventions.

⁴ From 1902 until 1912 a Grand Historian was also a Council officer. Those holding this office were: Raeburn Cowger, A (1902-1904); Mabel Dunn Madison, F (1904-1905); Mabel Siller, F (1905-1910); Grace Hammond Holmes, Δ (1910-1912)

⁵ After 1912, every term of office began in September.

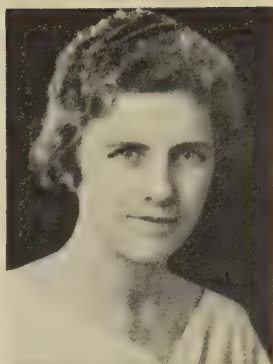
OFFICERS

Secretary	Editor	Inspector
Cor. Jessie Fox, A Rec. Zannie Tate, Δ Cor. Laura Marsh, A Rec. Effa Simpson, B		
Cor. Irene Clark, B Rec. Virginia Porter, Δ Ila Steele, A	Mayme Jennings, A	
Alta Allen, B	Mary Janet Wilson, A	
Ethel Egleston, Z	Mary Janet Wilson, A	
Mabel Siller, Γ	Edith Manchester, Z	
Alta Moyer, Δ (to 1903) Bertha Sackett, Δ Virginia Fisk, Θ (to 1906) Marcia Clark, Θ Imo Baker, I (to 1908) Helen Wright, I Frank Bussey Soule, I	Edith Manchester Griffin, Z (to 1906) Elma Patton Wade, A Elma Patton Wade, A (to 1908) Florence Reed Haseltine, Z Florence Reed Haseltine, Z	Mary Jones Tennant, A
Frank Bussey Soule, I (to 1911) Helen Hardie, Γ Birdean Motter Ely, O Mary Emma Griffith, A	Florence Armstrong, M Florence Armstrong, M Florence Armstrong, M	Mary Jones Tennant, A Mary Jones Tennant, A Myrta McKean Dennis, Γ
Mary Emma Griffith, A	Mary Emma Griffith, A	Lois Smith Crann, M Nella Ramsdall Fall, B
Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A	Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A	Gretchen Gooch Troster, I
Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A (to July, 1925) Hazel Eckhart, Θ	Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A (to July 1925) Hazel Eckhart, Θ	Inspector—Beatrice Herron Brown, A Cl. Delegate—Frances Whitmore White, Z
Hazel Eckhart, Θ	Hazel Eckhart, Θ	Inspector—Louise Ludlum Baker, K Cl. Delegate—Ethel Mead Van Auker, A
Hazel Eckhart, Θ (to May 1, 1929) Edith Steffener, Δ, Acting (May 1 to Sept. 1, 1929) Mildred Blacklidge, A	Hazel Eckhart, Θ (to Oct. 1929) Frances Marks Uncapher, I (Acting Jan. and May 1930) Theodora Maltbie Collins, P (Acting, March 1930) Theodora Maltbie Collins, P Theodora Maltbie Collins, P	Inspector—Ethel Mead Van Auker, A Cl. Delegate—Lou Babcock, B Cl. Delegate—Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, AE
Mildred Blacklidge, A Mildred Blacklidge, A		Inspector—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ First Counsellor—Ruth Miller Winsor, Φ Second Counsellor—Dorothy Brown Reitz, BΔ

⁶ From 1915 to 1926 there were two Vice-Presidents, designated First and Second until 1922, and then Alumnae and Extension. In 1926 the extension work was taken over by the Central Office.

⁷ In 1922 a Delegate was added to the Council, to share in the work of inspection and to execute any commission for the other officers. In 1928 the Delegate was made a full time travelling officer, handling all the work of inspection. In 1930 the title was changed back to Inspector, and in 1933, to National Counsellor. At the 1935 convention a second Counsellor was added.

⁸ When the convention scheduled for 1933 was postponed, the Council received a vote of confidence from the entire fraternity, and so continued in office until 1935.



THE NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL

September, 1935

Above, left to right: Ruth Miller Winsor, Counsellor; Minerva Osborn Donald, President; Addie Weltch Crosby, Vice-President. Center: Dorothy Brown Reitz, Counsellor. Below: Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Theodora Maltbie Collins, Editor; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary.

The close relationship existing between the chapters and the administration of Alpha Chi Omega has always been a source of gratification to the Council. No fraternity can maintain high standards, and develop a strong organization unless it keeps closely and permanently in touch with its active members. This fact was formally recognized by Alpha Chi Omega as early as 1908, when the system of *alumnæ* advisers was made a constitutional requirement. Prior to this time, many chapters had unofficial advisers, who were found to be most helpful. At first the chapter made its own selection; now each chapter simply nominates two or more *alumnæ* for the office, and the appointment is made annually by the National Counsellor. The adviser is thus truly the local representative of the Council. She gives the chapter help in all its problems, conducts, and grades fraternity examinations, secures individual scholarship reports each semester, and acts as the *alumna* representative at local panhellenic meetings. She reports chapter conditions in detail each month to her immediate superior officer, the Province President, and sends an annual report to the National Council. Alpha Chi Omega was the first to create this advisory office, which has since been adopted by every other fraternity.

As the chapter roll lengthened, it was found that the duties of the National Councillors became too complex and voluminous for efficient administration. The Province system of government was therefore adopted in 1912. Five geographic districts were created within the United States, each presided over by an officer appointed by the National President. These first provinces were called the Atlantic, Eastern, Central, Western, and Pacific. The Southern Province was an integral part of the Eastern Province until 1919, and then of the Atlantic Province until 1926, when the extension of Alpha Chi Omega into southern colleges was sufficient to warrant a separate subdivision. In 1922, the Southwestern and Northern Provinces took the place of the original Western division. Further reorganization was necessary in 1928 when the Northcentral and Northwest provinces were added to the list. Again the multiplication of chapters caused a revision in 1933. The provinces as they now exist are the Atlantic, Southern, Central, Great Lakes, North Central, Southwestern, Intermountain, Pacific, and Northwestern. Attached is a table showing the states, the active chapters, and *alumnæ* groups included in each, and a map picturing their geographic extent.



PROVINCES OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

States	Active Chapters	Alumnae Chapters	Alumnae Clubs
ATLANTIC PROVINCE			
Connecticut			Connecticut
Maine			
Massachusetts	Z —Boston	ZZ —Boston	
New Hampshire	AT —Durham		
New Jersey			
New York	A —Syracuse	ΓΓ —New York	Schenectady-Albany
		ΤΤ —Syracuse	
Ontario	BI —Toronto	ΨΨ —Toronto	
Pennsylvania	Δ —Meadville	ΠΠ —Philadelphia	
	H —Lewisburg	ΦΦ —Meadville	
	AE —Philadelphia	XX —Pittsburgh	
	BM —State College		
Rhode Island			
Vermont	AI —Burlington		Burlington
SOUTHERN PROVINCE			
Alabama	AT —Tuscaloosa	AΘA —Birmingham	
	AΩ —Birmingham		
Delaware			
District of Col.		AEA —Washington	
Florida	BH —Tallahassee	AHA —Jacksonville	
Georgia	T —Gainesville	AΓA —Atlanta	
Kentucky			
Louisiana	BI —Baton Rouge		Baton Rouge
			Shreveport
Maryland			
Mississippi			Jackson
North Carolina			
South Carolina			
Tennessee			
Virginia	BΔ —Williamsburg		Norfolk
			Richmond
West Virginia			

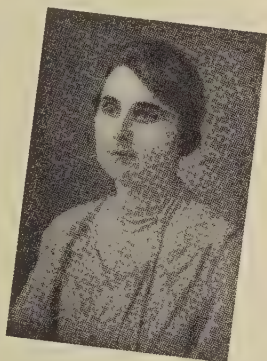
States	Active Chapters	Alumnae Chapters	Alumnae Clubs
CENTRAL PROVINCE			
Indiana	A —Greencastle AB —La Fayette AM —Bloomington AX —Indianapolis	BB —Indianapolis AIA —Fort Wayne	Bloomington Evansville Greencastle Greensburg La Fayette South Bend Alliance Canton Dayton
Ohio	AA —Cincinnati AH —Alliance AO —Columbus AS —Delaware	ΩΩ —Youngstown AIA —Columbus AAA —Cincinnati AMA —Akron Cuyahoga Falls ANA —Cleveland	
GREAT LAKES PROVINCE			
Illinois	Γ —Evanston I —Urbana T —Decatur	AA —Chicago TT —Champaign-Urbana	Decatur Rockford Springfield
Michigan	B —Albion Θ —Ann Arbor BE —E. Lansing	EE —Detroit ΔA —Grand Rapids	Albion Flint Saginaw Valley
Wisconsin	K —Madison BΘ —Appleton	HH —Madison AEA —Milwaukee	Appleton
NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE			
Iowa	M —Indianola Σ —Iowa City	AOA —Des Moines	Iowa City Sioux City
Minnesota	AA —Minneapolis	OO —Minneapolis	
Nebraska	Σ —Lincoln	KK —Lincoln	Omaha
North Dakota	AI —Grand Forks		Fargo Grand Forks
South Dakota			
SOUTHWESTERN PROVINCE			
Arkansas			
Kansas	O —Baldwin Φ —Lawrence		Topeka Wichita
Missouri	AZ —St. Louis AN —Columbia	MM —Kansas City ΣΣ —St. Louis	
Oklahoma	Ψ —Norman	PP —Oklahoma City	Kay County Tulsa
Texas	AΦ —Austin		El Paso Houston San Antonio
INTERMOUNTAIN PROVINCE			
Colorado	N —Boulder	NN —Denver	Boulder Pueblo
Montana	AΣ —Missoula		Billings
Utah	BN —Salt Lake City BΣ —Logan	AZA —Salt Lake City	Logan
Wyoming	BK —Laramie		Cheyenne
PACIFIC PROVINCE			
Arizona	BA —Tucson		Phoenix
California	E —Los Angeles II —Berkeley AΨ —Los Angeles	ΔΔ —Los Angeles ΘΘ —Berkeley ABA —San Francisco AKA —Pasadena	Long Beach Sacramento Santa Ana
Nevada			
New Mexico	AI —Albuquerque		Albuquerque
NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE			
Idaho	AP —Moscow X —Corvallis	ΞΞ —Portland	Moscow Corvallis
Oregon	AK —Eugene		Eugene
Washington	P —Seattle Φ —Pullman BZ —Walla Walla	II —Seattle AΔA —Spokane	Gray's Harbor Takoma Walla Walla Yakima

Each Province President is appointed biennially by the National President. Her duties include the immediate supervision of her chapters, entailing their inspection once in two years alternating with the National Counsellor, and at such other times as may seem needful. She keeps a careful record of the affairs of her chapters, assists the advisers by enforcing their decisions, and by correspondence keeps each chapter in constant contact with the National organization. She cares for all routine business with the chapters, and reports monthly to the National President, and annually to the Council at large. She arranges for and presides at Province conventions. These Province meetings have no legislative powers, but serve as a clearing house for chapter problems, from which recommendations may be sent to the National Council.

The Province system has become firmly rooted in the organization of the fraternity, and serves vastly to increase the efficiency of administration. It is largely through the Province Presidents that the Council is able to deal intelligently and sympathetically with the problems of individuals in fifty-eight active chapters. As each chapter relies on its adviser and she on the Province President, in like manner does the Province official turn to the Council for help and direction.

Although the administrative work of the fraternity is in the hands of the Council and Province officers, it depends in part upon the work of numerous committees, which have been brought into being as the growth of the organization demanded them. Their members are appointees of the National President, and responsible to her. These committees serve a two fold purpose; they train alumnæ for more responsible positions, and they relieve the Council of much routine, thus making for greater efficiency. Almost from the beginning, various phases of the work have been delegated to committees. Many of these have been temporary, their service ending as soon as their particular assignments were completed, such as the committees on the selection of the seal, care of French war orphans, or *Eklekta* awards. Others like the keeper of the seal, of the records, the custodian of the badge, the song book, and the directory have been merged in the person of the National Secretary, and are a part of the work of Central Office. Still others have outgrown their usefulness, as those on vocations, official housemother, press, and organization and laws.

At the present time, the standing committees of the fraternity are twenty-one in number, nine of which are entirely composed of mem-



PROVINCE PRESIDENTS AT 1935 CONVENTION

Above, left to right: Mildred Lantz Masser, Pacific; Florence Wittwer Oakes, Inter-mountain; Ruth Miller Winsor, Southwestern. Center: Ruth Campbell, Atlantic; Frances Marks Uncapher, Central; Marion Whitmore Webster, North Central. Below: Betty Hills Erickson, Northwest; DeEtte Jones Mitchell, Southern; Marion Tabor Robinson, Great Lakes.

bers of the National Council and the Province Presidents. Their work is obvious from their very names, executive, extension, finance, investment, keeper of the records, *Lyre* finance board, official supplies, province conventions, and publications, and is too closely integrated with the actual direct administration to warrant any separate treatment, other than that already given elsewhere. The committees on the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan fund, the MacDowell Studio, the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship and the Scholarships for Children fund all deal with the philanthropic work of the fraternity, which is discussed in another chapter. The chapter on fraternity finances covers the work of several committees already mentioned, as well as the one in charge of the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment fund. The archives committee is discussed in the chapter dealing with the fraternity's publications and records. The remaining seven standing committees fall under no particular logical classification, so are included here.

Examinations



MAUD MARKS MCLANE
Official Examiner

The system of fraternity examinations which is a part of the required work of each active chapter is designed to make each undergraduate a more intelligent member of Alpha Chi Omega. Prior to 1902 the custom was to give examinations only to pledges before their initiation. From that year until 1908, a general examination by the National Council was given to all active as well as pledge members. The convention of 1908 ruled that a system of graded examinations be introduced, which has been adhered to ever since. The following year an official examiner was appointed to care for the work of preparing the ques-

tions, so that the members of the Council were relieved of this task. Each undergraduate member is required to take an examination during the first three years following pledging to the fraternity. The examiner prepares outlines for programs to be given monthly in chapter meeting, and sends supplementary material for study. The examinations are conducted and graded by the alumna adviser who then sends the grades to the examiner. Before initiation, a mythology examination is given. This is taken care of within the chapter, no report being sent to the examiner. For charter members of new chapters, special questions are prepared, including practically all material covered in all of the regular annual examinations. This is for the purpose of ascertaining that the alumnae initiates of new groups are as well informed about the government, policies, and traditions of the fraternity, and the National Panhellenic Congress as are those members of Alpha Chi Omega who have had the benefit of active life. In 1934 the Council felt that the system was not bringing about the desired results. In consequence, the examiner was asked to prepare seven detailed programs for chapter meetings, to be used one each month with all active and pledged members participating. The Constitution and Code, the *Heraeum* and *Banta's Greek Exchange* were used as a basis for these programs. The vice-president of each chapter was made responsible for conducting these programs, and sent a report each month to the National Vice-President. No examination of any sort other than the pre-initiation mythology one was given.

Initiation Equipment

When the new ritual was accepted by the fraternity in 1910, equipment in keeping with the Greek spirit of the ceremony was also adopted. No essential change has been made in the regalia since that time, although minor improvements have been added. In 1913 the first committee was appointed which should have charge of supplying all new chapters with complete equipment, and filling all orders from old ones. Different alumnae groups have



MAE HEADLEY
WALKER

*Chairman, Initiation
Equipment*

taken care of this work, it being in the hands of members of Beta Beta at the present time.

The furnishings used in the ritual are standardized, and identical material is sent each new chapter and used for the first time at its installation. Robes for thirty members are included. If the chapter desires more later, these can be ordered. A complete set of equipment, with all silk robes was prepared as a permanent part of the national fraternity's possessions, and used for the first time at the 1935 convention.

Scholarship

In 1916 a national scholarship chairman was appointed, who required that each chapter send her an annual report of its relative standing with other groups on its campus. She kept these records, as well as the grade requirement for each chapter's initiates, which was established by the National Inspector after consultation with university authorities. She saw to it that no chapter initiated any pledge who had not made the requisite average, and commended chapters improving their standing. The scholarship chairman now keeps all annual records, writes to each chapter concerning its progress, sends suggestions for improvement, and determines who shall receive the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship Cup awarded for the greatest improvement from year to year.



GERTRUDE GOULD
Scholarship Chairman

She compiles comparative charts and records showing the chapters' standing, and reports both to the chapters themselves and to the National Council.

Mothers' Clubs

The first Mothers' Club to be organized for any chapter of the fraternity was the one which the mothers of members of Pi formed in August, 1920. Soon after that others sprang up in different parts of the country, resulting from teas given by the active groups on Mothers' Day or in response to direct chapter need, their main object being to give the chapter social and financial backing. No direct national recognition was given them until 1926, when they were discussed at some

length in the convention sessions, and when a handbook was published. A national chairman was appointed in 1930 to keep in touch with them. She did the first constructive work in the field, ascertaining what clubs existed, where there was a possibility for new ones, and what the clubs were actually doing. In 1931 the handbook was revised, and copies were sent to all the clubs and to those active chapters where no club existed.

In all, there are now thirty-three clubs in existence. The chapters whose membership is drawn almost entirely from out of town find it impossible to organize a club, but these are very few in number. The clubs vary greatly in size, but the membership averages thirty-five.

The mothers do everything from mending curtains and linen to furnishing complete rooms for the girls. In most groups they have given financial aid or its equivalent.



FRANCES KINNEY
SCOTT

*Chairman,
Mothers' Clubs*

National Library Chairman

To collect libraries in chapter houses or clubrooms is no new idea. One of the functions of the men's fraternities in the eighteenth century was to collect fine books for the use of their members, many of which were later given to the colleges themselves. The recent movement toward incorporating libraries in present day chapter houses came as a result of the modern educational theory which demands opportunity for recreational reading and contact with the cultural background which fine literature gives. The Council appointed a library chairman in 1930, to stimulate interest on the part of individual chapters and to suggest books for leisure time and for reference. The first step was rather abortive but may have had some value in developing library consciousness. An inventory of then existing libraries was taken.



MARY FOX QUIBELL
National Library Chairman

Subsequently two articles appeared in *The Lyre* for November, 1931 and 1933 discussing the project and offering lists of worthwhile books.



ALPHA CHI OMEGA BOOKPLATE

A contest among actives and alumnæ for a design suitable for a fraternity bookplate resulted in the adoption of a sketch in 1933 made by Ruth Dyrud, Kappa. The national library chairman's work is entirely advisory, with no attempt at direct control of individual chapter selections. Each chapter president works with her and receives suggestions from her.

Panhellenic Delegate

One member of the fraternity's administrative body remains still unaccounted for, the National Panhellenic Congress Delegate. She is neither a member of the Council, a province officer, nor essentially a committee chairman, yet she holds a most important place in the work of Alpha Chi Omega, for it is she who forms the contact point with other fraternities. From the earliest organization of the Congress, Alpha Chi Omega has been represented. Not until 1919, however, was a long term delegate appointed, the position before that being held by the Inspector or some other Councillor. Then the position was made a semi-permanent one, that the opportunity might be given to carry over the experience gained in frequent attendance at the annual Congress meetings. This is a most important progressive step for the fraternity, since it assures it of intelligent experienced representation among its sister Greeks.

With the development of every part of the fraternity, distinct although gradual changes are apparent in the administrative policies. Duties of the members of the Council have increased amazingly, necessitating committees already mentioned. This has drawn more and more interested and intelligent alumnæ into national work, thus providing trained material from whose ranks future Council members can be

drawn. The powers of the Council have vastly increased also, so that today it is in every way the equal of the National Convention with the one exception that it may not amend the constitution. The trend is toward retaining in office for a long time those officers who are of proven ability, in order that the fraternity may the more effectively be a force for the raising of scholarship and the development of fine social standards among its undergraduate members, and that among its alumnae it may foster a desire to assist the underprivileged and to serve the community. This continuity in office is necessary in order that the ideals for which Alpha Chi Omega stands may live. Ideas may be transmitted through the medium of the written word; ideals only through personal example.

PROVINCE PRESIDENTS

<i>Term of Office</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Eastern</i>
1913-1915	Grace Hammond Holmes, Δ	Alice Watson Dixon, Γ (1913-14) Myrtle Hatswell Bowman, B
1915-1919	Anne Woods McLeary, Z (1915-18) Gladys Livingston Graff, Z	Frances Kirkwood, I (1915-16) El Fleda Coleman Jackson, Γ
1919-1922	Gladys Livingston Graff, Z (1919-20) Beatrice Herron Brown, A (1920-21) Ethel Mead Van Auker, A	Helen Woods Barnum, A (1919-21) Marguerite Clark Miller, Θ
1922-1924	Ethel Mead Van Auker, A	Marguerite Clark Miller, Θ (1922-23) Louise Ludlum Baker, K
1924-1926	Barbara Wild Whittaker, Θ	Anne Franklin Goodyear, Θ
1926-1928	Gladys Livingston Graff, Z	Anne Franklin Goodyear, Θ (1926-27) Icy Frost Bridge, A
1928-1930	Gladys Livingston Graff, Z	Fanny Inez Bell Norris, Ψ (1928-29) Hortense Miller Adams, Θ
1930-1935	Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, AE (1930-33) Ruth Campbell, BI	Hortense Miller Adams, Θ (1930-31) Ruth Davey Brown, B (Sept.-Dec. 1931) Laura Craft Reid, Θ (Mar. 1931-Sept. 1933) Province Dissolved September 1933
1935-	Ruth Campbell, BI	
	<i>Central</i>	<i>Pacific</i>
1913-1915	Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O	Virginia Fisk Green, Θ (1913-14) Anne Shepard, E
1915-1919	June Hamilton Rhodes, M (1915-17) Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ (1917-18) Erna Goldschmidt, I	Minerva Osborn Donald, II (1915-17) Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, P
1919-1922	Esther Barney Wilson, B (1919-21) Martha Bennett, Γ	Josephine Heily Parry, Ω (1919-21) Hazel Learned Sherrick, P
1922-1924	Martha Bennett, Γ	Hazel Learned Sherrick, P
1924-1926	Inez Shageman Kriege, AZ	Dorothy Cushman Fess, B
1926-1928	Inez Shageman Kriege, AZ	Minerva Osborn Donald, II
1928-1930	Icy Frost Bridge, A (1928) Frances Marks Uncapher, I	Minerva Osborn Donald, II
1930-1935	Frances Marks Uncapher, I	Mildred Lantz Masser, II
1935-	Hallie Bortz Shafer, A	Frances Porter Stewart, II
	<i>Western</i>	<i>Northern</i>
1913-1915	Alice Lasher Mauck, Z (1913) Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O	
1915-1919	Dale Pugh Hascall, Z (1915-18) Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ	
1919-1922	Mima Montgomery, Z (1920) Pearl Armitage Jamieson, A	
1922-1924	Province Dissolved 1922	Verna Hyder Boyles, Z
1924-1926		Marion Whitmore Webster, Z
1926-1928		Marion Whitmore Webster, Z Province Dissolved 1928

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

Term of Office

1922-1924
1924-1926
1926-1928

1928-1930
1930-1935

1935-

Southwestern

Pearl Armitage Jamieson, A
Pearl Armitage Jamieson, A
Flora Chess, AΓ (1926-1927)
Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ
Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ
Ruth Miller Winsor, Φ

Agnes Thumser Rutledge, AN

North Central

1928-1930
1930-1935

1935-

Marion Whitmore Webster, Z
Mayme Wilson Havenhill, Φ (1930-33)
Marion Whitmore Webster, Z
Margaret Hager McVicker, Z

Great Lakes

1930-1935
1935-

Marion Tabor Robinson, P
Marion Pease Danver, T

Southern

Addie Welch Crosby, T

Addie Welch Crosby, T
Addie Welch Crosby, T (1930-33)
DeEtte Jones Mitchell, BA
DeEtte Jones Mitchell, BA

Northwestern

Ada Dickie Hamblen, B
Faythe Santway Nunemaker, A (1931-33)
Betty Hills Erickson, P
Betty Hills Erickson, P

Intermountain

Florence Wittwer Oakes, Z (1933-35)
Florence Wittwer Oakes, Z

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Prior to 1913 there is no record of standing committees, except in isolated cases.

ALUMNÆ

Discontinued 1929

1913-1914—Gladys Livingston Olmstead, Z
1915—Gladys Livingston Graff, Z
1915-1919—Lillian Zimmerman, K
1919-1921—Myra Jones, A
1922-1928—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O
1928-1929—Lou Babcock, B

COMMISSARY

Discontinued 1933

1927-1929—Elsie Lyster, N
1930-1933—Olga Brucher, X

CUSTODIAN OF THE SONGBOOK

Discontinued 1933

1908-1909—Myrta McKean Dennis, Γ
1909-1912—Mary Vose, Γ
1912-1915—Lucile Morgan Gibson, Γ
1916-1917—Blanche Brocklebank, Z
1917-1918—Annie May Cook, Z
1919-1924—Estelle McFarlane Dunkle, Z
1919-1922—Jessie Cushman, B (Pacific Custodian)
1924-1932—Marjorie Hessaltine Scott, Z
1933—Marjorie Hessaltine Wallich, Z

NATIONAL PLEDGE CHAIRMAN

Discontinued 1935

1929-1934—Inez Schageman Kriege, A Z
1934-1935—Minerva Osborn Donald, II

ORGANIZATION AND LAWS

Discontinued 1933

1913-1915—Nella Ramsdell Fall, B
1915-1915—Florence Armstrong, M
1916-1933—National Secretary

CHAPTER HOUSES

Discontinued 1933

1913—Lois Smith Crann, M
1913-1922—Lillian Zimmerman, K
1922-1931—Mary McNally, I
1932-1933—Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Ψ

CUSTODIAN OF THE BADGE

Discontinued 1933

1916-1918—Ruth Swann, Δ
1919—Louise Chase, Δ
1919-1920—Virginia Sanderson, II (Pacific Custodian)
1919-1933—National Secretary

HISTORY

Discontinued 1922

1919-1922—Florence Armstrong, M

HONOR ROLL

Discontinued 1931

1927-1929—Hortense Miller Adams, Θ
1929-1931—Dorothy Hyde Tanner, A

NATIONAL RITUALIST

Discontinued 1935

1922-1929—Doris McEntyre, II
1929-1935—Helen Cheyney Bailey, AE

NATIONAL PRESS

Discontinued 1933

1926-1927—June Moll Wilcox, A
1927-1930—Theodore Maltbie Collins, P
1927-1930—Ruth Tadlock, P
1931-1933—June Moll Wilcox, A

OFFICIAL HOUSEMOTHER

Discontinued 1933

1931-1933—Carol McBride Humphrey, M

The following committees were actively working in 1935

ALTA ALLEN LOUD NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
FUND

(Called Reserve Fund until 1934)

1913-1930—Alta Allen Loud, B
1930-1935—Lou Babcock, B
1935—Mildred Lantz Masser, II

ESTELLE McFARLANE DUNKLE LOAN FUND

(Called Scholarship Fund until 1933)

1919-1921—Myra Jones, A
1922-1924—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O
1924-1935—Gretchen Gooch Troster, I
1935—Ethel Mead Van Auker, A

EXECUTIVE

National President

EXTENSION

1913-1915—Fay Barnaby Kent, Δ
1915-1919—Maude Staiger Steiner, Θ
1919-1926—Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ
1926—National Secretary

INITIATION EQUIPMENT

(Called Ritual and Equipment until 1931)

1913-1916—Virginia Fisk Green, Θ
1916-1919—Minerva Osborn Donald, II
1919-1920—Elna Clifford Sweet, II
1921-1922—Catherine Macpherson, Γ
1922-1926—Raeburn Cowger Obenchain, A

PUBLICATIONS

Discontinued 1933

1913-1919—Florence Armstrong, M
1919-1930—National Secretary
1930-1933—National President

CHAPERON AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Discontinued 1935

1923-1924—Louise Hudson Schulz, K
1924-1926—Anna Carey, H
1926-1928—Louise Ludlum Baker, K
1928-1935—Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, O

VOCATIONAL

Discontinued 1929

1922-1923—Mary Emma Griffith, A
1924—Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, A
1924-1926—Stella Galpin Trowbridge, I
1926-1928—Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Φ
1928-1929—Frances Marks Uncapher, I

1926-1930—Etta Mae Tinker Barr, Δ
1930-1933—Susan Newcomber Hollinshead, B
1933—Mae Headley Walker, A

KEEPER OF RECORDS

1913-1915—Grace Hammond Holmes, Δ
1916-1919—Ann Kieckhefer, K
1919—National Secretary

ARCHIVES

1913-1915—Grace Hammond Holmes, Δ
1915-1916—Ann Kieckhefer, K
1919-1923—Mary Wade, A
1923-1925—Anna Allen Smith, A
1925-1930—Della Broadstreet Peck, A
1930-1932—Anna Allen Smith, A
1932—Hannah Keenan, A

EXAMINATIONS

1913-1915—Lois Smith Crann, M
1916-1919—Bertha Reichert, Σ
1919-1920—Beatrice Oakley, Δ
1920-1922—Eva Sutton, A
1922-1924—Gladys Drach, N
1924-1927—Hazel Learned Sherrick, P
1927-1930—Mayme Wilson Havenhill, Φ
1930-1931—Vera Rock Walls, Γ
1931-1935—Maud Marks McLane, I
1935—

FINANCE

- 1913-1915—Lillian Zimmerman, K
1915—National President

INVESTMENT

(Called Advisory Investment until 1922)

- 1921-1931—Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, P
1931-1932—Esther Barney Wilson, B
1932-1935—Verna Hyder Boyles, E
1935—

MOTHERS' CLUBS

- 1930-1931—Elizabeth Anderson Hanna, AX
1931-1935—Frances Kinney Scott, N
1935—

OFFICIAL SUPPLIES

- 1913-1919—Kathryn Morgan, E
1919—National Secretary

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

- 1920-1922—Myra Jones, A
1922-1923—Mildred Mell, K
1923-1926—Elizabeth Bayley Gillen, I
1926-1930—Lois Shortess, K
1930-1935—Mary Mutschler, A
1935—Frieda Kornbrodt Kimball, O

LYRE FINANCE BOARD

- 1913-1919—Florence Armstrong, M
1919—National Secretary

MACDOWELL STUDIO

- 1913-1919—Fay Barnaby Kent, A
1919-1922—ElFleda Coleman Jackson, F
1922-1924—Hedwig Brenneman Heller, F
1924-1926—Gladys Livingston Graff, Z
1926-1930—Josephine Durrell, Z
1930—Genevieve Kirkbride Phillips, AT

MARY EMMA GRIFFITH MARSHALL MEMORIAL
FELLOWSHIP

- 1929—Lou Babcock, B

NATIONAL LIBRARY CHAIRMAN

- 1930—Mary Fox Quibell, II

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

- 1926-1927—Ethel Mead Van Auken, A
1927-1929—Lou Babcock, B
1929-1934—Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, AE
1934—Gertrude Gould, AP

CHAPTER 8

Finance

NO ORGANIZATION as large and as complex as a national fraternity can be run efficiently if financial stability be lacking. The support of any such fraternity comes solely from its membership, and for the most part, from its active rather than its alumnæ members. No adequate system has yet been evolved by any organization which equitably distributes the burden of support so that the larger group, the alumnæ, bears the larger share.

A close study of the financial development of Alpha Chi Omega is in essence a study of the fraternity's history, for each progressive step is inseparably linked with some major administrative problem which necessitated financial reorganization. The fraternity had no general treasury until the expenses entailed in sending delegates to the first convention made it necessary; when it seemed advisable that the officers should meet between conventions, each chapter's contribution had to be increased to meet the added expense; the addition of an inspector necessitated another increase in the revenue if the chapters were to be cared for adequately; with the need for chapter houses, a reserve fund was started from which they could be financed; a loan fund met the growing need of individual members for assistance, and another fund was slowly built up so that the fraternity might carry on useful work in helping others less fortunate. So, in broad outline, has the system which today underlies the administration of the fraternity grown and developed. For the most part, financial adjustments have been made in response to a definite need; in the last decade, they have anticipated the needs, and have been arranged so as to build a permanent endowment for the future.

In startling contrast to the volume of funds which are received and disbursed at the present time stands the record of the first financial transactions half a century ago. In December 1885, Alpha levied a special assessment of twenty cents upon each of her members in order that a Christmas gift might be brought for Dean Howe, and the surplus, amounting to three cents each, might be diverted to the treasury! Fines, levied for absence from meeting or neglect of duty took care of the regular running expenses of the chapter. Unusual events, such

as the installation of Beta, entailed special levies, in this instance amounting to \$3.18, which each member contributed to send delegates to Albion. No record is available of when dues were first imposed.

The convention of 1891, which for the first time assembled delegates from the four chapters than constituting the fraternity, made provision for a general treasury, to which each chapter should make a definite contribution annually, and to which charter fees should be paid. Prior to this time, all such fees had gone into Alpha's treasury, since Alpha had carried all responsibility as mother chapter. No stipulations were made as to the purpose for which the general funds should be used until the second convention, when it was directed that the traveling expenses of delegates be paid. That the general treasury was not able to meet all expenses is evidenced by the provision made in 1896 for assessing each chapter to make up the deficit. A larger fund was obviously necessary, so in 1898 each chapter's annual contribution was increased to \$20, and again to \$30 in 1904, to care for the expenses incident to placing an inspector in the field. By 1908, the feeling had crystalized that it was inequitable to make each chapter contribute the same amount to the general treasury irrespective of local conditions. Consequently an active per capita tax was substituted for the annual chapter dues. The amount of this first tax was \$2.00 payable each year for each undergraduate member. In convention years, the entertaining chapter was excused from its payment.

The second quarter century of the fraternity's development witnessed periodic increases in the per capita assessment. In 1910 it was raised to \$3.00 to cover increased railroad fares and administrative expenses; two years later it was set at \$5.00 to provide a convention fund and to support the newly created reserve fund. Until 1922 this proved adequate to carry on the fraternity's business, but at the convention that year it was raised to \$8.00 to cover the expense of supervising a rapidly lengthening chapter roll, and further to support the reserve fund that demands for house loans to facilitate building might be met. In 1928 in order to meet the chapters' requests for national assistance and support, the tax was increased to \$10, and a full time travelling officer was placed in the field. This per capita tax is by far the largest single source of the fraternity's income, totaling approximately \$16,500 annually in recent years.

Some income is derived from charter fees. Until after the establishment of Delta, all such fees were directed to Alpha's treasury. The ini-

tial convention voted that they go into the general treasury. The fee was set at \$20 two years later. New regulations concerning expansion were made in 1898, the charter fee being placed on a per capita basis, \$5.00 for each charter member. The revenue derived from installations was definitely limited by the requirement that new chapters should have not less than five nor more than seven charter members. From the sum collected, \$20, as before, went to the general fund, the residue being turned back to the chapter treasury. In 1907 all restrictions as to the maximum number of charter members were removed, and the individual fee was raised to \$20. Three-fourths of the total amount was then diverted to the treasury, while the chapter received the remainder. The per capita fee was again raised in 1910, this time to \$25, four-fifths of which went to the fraternity's treasury. No further revision was made until 1922, when it was voted that all installations should be made self-supporting, and the fee consequently was raised to \$40. A sinking fund of \$200 in addition to the individual charter fee was imposed in 1926, to pay for the charter itself and the chapter equipment. In 1934, the National Council was empowered to set the amount of the individual fee for the charter members of new chapters. A definite portion of each installation fee is turned into the national treasury; a portion is returned to the chapter treasury; from the residue, as from each regular initiation fee, a *Lyre* subscription for life, a badge, a history, song book, directory and membership certificate are purchased for the new initiate.

The alumnæ as well as the undergraduate members have been called upon to assist in the support of the fraternity since 1904. In that year delegates from alumnæ chapters were admitted to the voting body of the conventions on the same basis as the active representatives, their expenses being paid by the national treasury. An annual fee of \$10 was thereupon required from each organized group. In 1910 an annual per capita of \$1.00 was substituted, and at the same time a system of alumnæ notes was authorized. Each initiate signed two \$5.00 notes, payable the first and second years after leaving college. The proceeds of these were turned into the general treasury. In 1919 a fifty cents per capita tax was authorized for alumnæ clubs as their share of fraternity support. The Colorado Springs convention made twenty annual per capitas the minimum which each chapter had to pay in order to receive the railroad expenses of its delegate, and imposed a charter fee of \$5.00 for each member of newly organized alumnæ chapters. The alum-

næ notes were revised at the same time, combining the old notes with those of varying amounts which the individual chapters had required of their initiates for the support of their actual or prospective chapter houses. The new notes were for \$15 each, payable annually for the first five years after leaving college. Two-thirds of their proceeds were returned to the individual chapter building funds. The 1922 convention also legislated the establishment of an Honor Roll, which was subscribed to by chapters, active as well as alumnæ, clubs, and individuals, at \$50 each. Eighteen hundred dollars was pledged during the convention sessions, and in the following decade the income from this source totaled \$5,885. A new alumnæ program was inaugurated in 1926, involving alumnæ contributions of \$50 per annum from each chapter, and \$25 from each club. These were to be continued until 1935 when the endowment objective of \$100,000 should be reached.

Depression years seriously interfered with the fulfillment of the project, making it impossible for all organized groups to keep up their contributions. The \$5.00 per capita charter fee was abolished in 1930, and the basis of contributions was changed to \$2.00 per capita for all clubs of less than twelve members. During 1931-32 all groups were excused from redeeming their pledges. The following year fraternity finance was reorganized. The Honor Roll, the alumnæ notes and the alumnæ contributions were all discontinued. From these sources the fraternity had derived a total of approximately \$157,271; the Honor Roll had brought in \$5,885; the alumnæ notes, \$145,000, and the contributions, \$6,386. In order to assure support for the various fraternity funds which had grown up, and whose revenue was thus taken away, a national pledge fee was imposed of \$5.00. This took effect February 1, 1934.

Minor sources of revenue have been developed from time to time to support specific projects. For a few years a calendar was published and sold; convention seals and postcards bearing the *Symphony* were also distributed; Christmas cards were handled by a national committee, and sold by the individual chapters. During the past decade no such project has been undertaken, since the more stabilized system of finance rendered it unnecessary. In 1935 the fraternity derived all its support from the pledge fee, installation and initiation fees, active and alumnæ per capita taxes, badge royalties, and profits from the sale of the *History*.

It has been mentioned in passing that financial developments have taken place in response to definite needs. For what then does the fra-

ternity spend its money? Primarily for the active chapters, in one way or another. The earliest record is that of 1893, when the convention directed that the general funds be divided proportionally among the chapters, according to their expenses incurred in sending delegates. From 1896 until the present time, the national treasury has paid the railroad fare of every active chapter's delegate to each convention; the same has been true for the delegates from alumnæ chapters since 1904.

In 1898 the fraternity created a Grand Council as its governing body. Two years later it became evident that these officers would not *ipso facto* be the delegates from their respective chapters, so the convention voted two-thirds of their travelling expenses to the President and Treasurer. When in the interest of more efficient government it was felt that the Council should meet between conventions, similar financial provision was made in 1902 for all officers that they might attend these biennial conferences. In 1906, this provision was extended to include the expenses of the entire Council at conventions. All expenses in addition to transportation for both Council meetings and conventions were authorized paid from the national treasury in 1908, and the succeeding convention voted payment of all their expenses incidental to fraternity business. With the growth of the fraternity and the introduction of the Province system of government, the presence of Province Presidents also is necessary at conventions, so their expenses thereto are paid from the general funds.

The officers of the fraternity have almost without exception been volunteer workers. From 1909 to 1919 the Editor of *The Lyre* received a stipend of \$150 a year. Then the office was combined with that of the National Secretary. In order to establish a Central Office for the fraternity's business, and insure the services of a full time officer who would care for the volume of routine which had enormously increased, a salary was paid the Secretary-Editor which was continued to the Secretary after the separation of the officers again in 1929. Since that time the *Lyre* Editor has received no compensation. For two years, 1928-30, a full time paid travelling secretary was placed in the field, in whose office was combined the work of the National Inspector and the Council Delegate. Since 1930, the travelling officer of the fraternity has given only part of her time to the work and has not received a stipend. Those officers who handle the fraternity's funds were granted a nominal salary of \$1.00 a year in 1931 in order to fulfill legal requirements for bond-

ing. With these exceptions no officer receives any monetary compensation.

The heaviest single item of administrative expense is the upkeep of the Central Office of the fraternity, which was established in 1919. Rental, equipment, stationery, postage, and clerical help all cost an appreciable sum, but their cost is in no way proportionate to the benefits which the chapters derive from the business-like centralization which the office makes possible.

Alpha Chi Omega has always believed that close supervision was an imperative necessity if the chapters were to be knit into a strong unified whole. In 1904 the expenses of an Inspector were authorized, who should visit all the chapters at periodic intervals. A travelling officer and her assistants have been in the field ever since, to give the chapters the benefit of wide fraternity experience, to assist in solving their individual problems, and to see that they maintain the standards set by the national organization. In recent years more intensive assistance has been given individual chapters when necessary by sending rushing help, and by establishing coörganizers for newly installed chapters. When necessary too, the national treasury has helped chapters to pay the salaries of their hostesses, sent to them by the national organization.

Extension also was a drain on the treasury, until the ruling of the 1922 convention making all installations self-supporting. Since that time the profits from newly established chapters have paid all expenses incident to the inspection of new fields, and the actual installation of the chapters.

The general treasury helped finance *The Lyre* until 1908, when the magazine became self-supporting. It has also advanced money for the *Songbook*, the *Directory*, the *History*, and the *Constitution and Code*. These are all self-financing projects, however, and as the profits on their sale were received from initiation fees, the general treasury's debt was cancelled, and the net profits retained in separate funds to finance subsequent issues.

The fraternity has spent some of its money for projects of one sort or another, aside from the regular altruistic work for which a special fund was created. In 1911 it completed the erection of Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony. In 1919, it created a permanent endowment for its gift, which has since been supplemented by several contributions for new furnishings and other repairs. A fellowship was also given to the colony for two years in 1931, and again in 1935. For several years prior

to his death, an honorarium was presented to James Hamilton Howe in token of the appreciation of Alpha Chi Omega. Several times the fraternity has entertained its Founders as convention guests. Honor awards have also been purchased from the general funds. An archives vault was built in Alpha's Memorial house, and a room there was provided in tribute to Alta Allen Loud, to be used by any member of Alpha Chi Omega who might visit there.

In addition to the general administrative expenses, the fraternity has created and maintained a number of funds, for specific projects. These include the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment, *The Lyre* Reserve, the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan, the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship, the Convention, the Province Convention, and the Scholarships for Children funds. They are all supported from sources already mentioned. Their specified support and their general purpose is outlined under the individual funds.

THE ALTA ALLEN LOUD NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund has passed through several changes in name and in purpose since its inauguration at the convention which celebrated the passing of twenty-five years of the fraternity's history. It was first planned as a scholarship fund to reward individual intellectual attainments. Begun in 1910 by individual pledges, its purpose was changed two years later on the recommendation of the committee in charge, of which Alta Allen Loud was chairman. She and her committee felt that the fraternity at large would be more widely benefited if the embryo fund could be used to finance chapter house building and other fraternity projects. This plan was adopted, and the name changed to the reserve fund, with a goal of \$5,000 set for attainment by the 1915 convention. Individual and chapter subscriptions were solicited, and an appropriation made to the fund from the increased per capita tax. The active chapters contributed from \$50 to \$100 apiece, and the alumnæ chapters \$25 or more. Individual gifts varied in amount. The convention surplus of \$356 was given to the fund. Before the next convention additional sources of revenue had been created in the publication and sale of fraternity calendars, symphony postcards, and convention labels. In all, the goal was reached and passed, and the fund was well established. By 1919, it had been doubled. The Council in 1921 diverted all non-resident alumnæ fees to the fund for a one year period. In 1922 the per-capita tax was increased to \$8.00 of which \$2.00 went into the fund;

besides this, from each of the five \$15 alumnæ notes, \$2.00 was appropriated to the fund. All profits from installations after extension expenses were met were given to the reserve. Thus was constitutional provision made to insure a steady income which would automatically increase with the growth of the fraternity. This same convention also legislated an Honor Roll of \$50 subscriptions, from each of which the reserve fund derived \$40. In the case of contributions from individuals who were not life subscribers to *The Lyre*, \$15 went to *The Lyre* and the reserve fund got only \$25.

With the adoption of a definite alumnæ program at the Lake Louise convention in 1926, each alumnæ chapter and club agreed to contribute annually \$50 and \$25 respectively to the fraternity's endowment. Three-fifths of these gifts went into the treasury of the reserve fund. By 1928, the fund totaled \$50,000. When the Honor Roll, alumnæ notes, and alumnæ contributions were written out of the constitution in 1933, only the revenue from the active per capita was left, so a new source of income had to be devised. The national pledge fee proved the solution. With its adoption, \$1.00 from each fee was diverted to the reserve fund, and the portion of the per capita tax which went to the fund was lowered to \$1.00. Thus the fund today draws its support from these two sources and from installation profit. The \$100,000 goal was reached in 1934. At the meeting of the Council that year, the name of the fund was changed to the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment Fund, in tribute to the woman who served as the sponsor of the original idea, and the chairman of the fund from its incipience until her death in 1933.

The fund has made possible chapter houses for forty-one chapters. The original terms of the loans were that when a chapter had raised \$1,000 an equal amount would be loaned to it from the fund, no debt being allowed to run for more than ten years. The interest rate has varied from time to time, as have the terms of the loans, according to prevailing economic conditions. In 1933, for example, the interest rate was reduced to three per cent. Not more than twenty per cent of the fund may be loaned for purposes other than building. All extension expenses are met from the profits from installations. The fund has from time to time been able to serve general fraternity needs, such as financing new editions of various publications, or meeting emergencies when the loan fund has not been able to supply the demands made upon it. All these have been incidental to the main purpose of the fund, which is chapter house financing, but all have been of real value to the

fraternity. At no time has the integrity of the fund been menaced. It stands as a monument to the foresight and the careful supervision which its trustees have exercised.

THE ESTELLE MCFARLANE DUNKLE LOAN FUND

Like the endowment, the loan fund has passed through several changes of name and purpose. Authorized in 1915, it carried out the plan which had been converted into the endowment fund. The scholarship fund, which should serve as an incentive to intellectual attainment, and a reward for it, had long been contemplated, and was the cherished ambition of the Council. Gradually as it developed, it became more and more a fund used to assist worthy members of the fraternity to remain in college, less and less stress being placed upon scholarship, although that is still a factor in determining the choice of loan applicants. In 1931 its name was changed from scholarship to loan fund, in recognition of this change in purpose; and in 1933 it was given the name of the woman who had started it and served as its treasurer until her death, Estelle McFarlane Dunkle.

At the convention where the fund was authorized, it was contributed to generously. Royalties from badge sales, which were made possible at this time through the appointment of an official jeweler, were diverted to the fund. A portion of the proceeds from the *alumnæ* notes was likewise appropriated together with the profits from the *Convention Transcript*. In 1922 the convention provided two new sources of revenue in the revised *alumnæ* notes, from which \$1.00 each was diverted and in the Honor Roll subscriptions from which \$5.00 was given to the scholarship fund. Another source of support was added in 1926, when the new *alumnæ* contributions were inaugurated. Ten per cent of the annual gifts from chapters and clubs was designated for the scholarship fund. All these sources of income except the badge profits were discontinued in 1933, and \$1.50 from each national pledge fee substituted. The fund has grown amazingly in the twenty years of its existence, totaling \$33,000 in 1935. In addition it has provided the fraternity with a fund for a graduate fellowship.

THE MARY EMMA GRIFFITH MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FUND

In 1919 the convention ruled that when the scholarship fund should total \$10,000 half of it should be set aside as an endowment, only the interest to be used. The next convention changed the previous legis-

lation to read that when the fund totaled \$15,000, \$5,000 should be set aside. By 1926, this was an accomplished fact. The fund had passed \$17,000, and the requisite amount had been invested, thus creating a permanent endowment. The convention voted that the interest be used to create a \$500 graduate fellowship in memory of Mrs. Marshall, to be awarded biennially to a member of the fraternity. Thus was the original purpose of the loan fund realized, by the establishment of an award for intellectual achievement.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN FUND

The Chicago convention in 1919 evidenced a desire for the establishment of some new form of permanent altruistic work for the fraternity. During the following year, scholarships for children was chosen, and a fund for the work was started by voluntary alumnæ contributions. The Council authorized the sale of Christmas cards by all active and alumnæ chapters in 1920, to provide support for the new endeavor, and diverted non-resident alumnæ membership fees to the same end. Since the fund was constantly depleted because the scholarships were gifts, not loans, the following convention took action to assure funds to replenish the supply. Five dollars was set aside from each Honor Roll subscription, with the provision that these moneys should be conserved to form a permanent endowment, the interest only to be used; and from the new alumnæ notes, \$1.00 each was assigned to the general fund. In 1926 the fraternity again saw fit to increase the sum available for its philanthropies by voting one-fifth of each alumnæ contribution to it. This eliminated the necessity of recurring money-raising projects, so the Christmas card sale was abolished. When these sources of supply were eliminated in 1933, \$1.00 from each national pledge fee was designated for the scholarships for children fund. This is the sole source from which the fund now derives its support, totaling \$1,000 in 1934-35.

LYRE RESERVE FUND

Until 1908, the general treasury helped to support the publication of *The Lyre*, which was also partly financed by individual subscriptions and advertisements. In that year, it became self supporting, assisted by the convention legislation that each member should subscribe for five years at the time of her initiation. In 1911 a life subscription plan was offered, at \$20, but since this was not automatic, it brought little return. The next year, however, saw the establishment of a reserve fund, to insure the subscriptions which had been solicited. A finance board

was established at the same time, of which the business manager served as chairman, which has since controlled all *Lyre* funds. At the recommendation of this board, a system of compulsory life subscriptions for all initiates at \$10 each was adopted at the 1915 convention. Four years later, the *Lyre* reserve had grown to \$7,000, which was then invested. An actuarial survey was made in 1922 to determine the amount necessary to be set aside from each subscription in order that it might adequately be protected. Simultaneously the subscription rate was increased to \$15, where it has remained. From each life subscription \$0.42 is invested. The fund totaled \$74,124 June 1, 1935.

CONVENTION FUNDS

In 1912, the increase in the per capita tax was made partly to create a fund to help finance national conventions. Since that time a definite portion of each per capita has been diverted to this fund. Under the revised Constitution of 1934, this support amounted to \$2.50 per annum from each active member of the fraternity. From each national pledge fee, \$1.00 is also diverted to this fund to take the place of revenue from alumnæ notes. Since 1928, a portion of each per capita tax has been used to form a province convention fund, which should serve the same purpose for the biennial province gatherings as the convention fund does for the meetings of the fraternity at large. The expenses of all delegates from active chapters to the 1934 province gatherings were met by this fund, which derives \$0.50 from each per capita, and from each pledge fee a like amount.

STANDING COMMITTEES RELATIVE TO FINANCE

The general administration of the fraternity's finance is in the hands of the National Treasurer, who is elected at each convention. She must give bond to the National President before taking office, and she may not disburse any funds without the President's approval. To her, since 1912, when a uniform system of chapter accounts was adopted, each chapter treasurer sends an annual budget and monthly reports covering all phases of chapter finances. The President and the Treasurer constitute the national finance committee, which acts in an advisory capacity to the treasurers of all funds of the fraternity. This committee must approve in advance all expenditures from the national treasury except those which are provided for in the annual budget which cares for the routine administration. An investment committee was created in 1922 to have charge of investing the money in all the fraternity's

endowment funds. This committee reports annually to the National Council concerning the investments it has made in conjunction with the custodians of the various funds. A finance board headed by the National Secretary manages all financial problems connected with the publication of *The Lyre*. The Secretary also acts as business manager of *The Lyre*, as well as business manager of the other fraternity publications.

FRATERNITY WEALTH

In addition to the \$100,000 endowment which the fraternity has achieved in its half century of existence, it holds wealth in other forms. The property which the various chapters own constitutes the bulk of this property, amounting to \$1,420,000. Of the fifty-eight chapters, forty-one own their houses or lodges; seventeen have rented homes, apartments or rooms. On eight campuses house ownership is prohibited. The equipment of the Central office, as well as the files and other equipment of various officers, together with the archives vault also may be lumped with the other wealth of the fraternity. The extent of the fraternity's possessions is most clearly realized if it is viewed in tabular form, as of June 1, 1935:

Permanent funds			
Endowment	\$	105,301	
Loan		33,396	
Lyre Reserve		74,124	
Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship		5,000	\$ 217,821
Property (chapter houses and furnishings)	\$1,420,000		
Equipment	2,700		1,422,700
			<u>\$1,640,521</u>

The composition of fraternity funds, and the division of the income may also be clarified if examined in outline form:

COMPOSITION OF FRATERNITY FUNDS		DIVISION OF FRATERNITY INCOME	
<i>Endowment Fund</i>		<i>Active Per Capita Tax; \$10</i>	
\$1.00 each active per capita		\$6.00 National Treasury	
\$1.00 National Pledge Fee		\$1.00 Endowment Fund	
Profits from installations		\$2.50 National Convention Fund	
		\$50 Province Convention Fund	
<i>Loan Fund</i>		<i>Alumnæ Per Capita Tax; \$1</i>	
Royalties from badges		\$50 National Treasury	
\$1.50 National Pledge Fee		\$50 National Convention Fund	
<i>Scholarships for Children Fund</i>		<i>National Pledge Fee; \$5</i>	
\$1.00 National Pledge Fee		\$1.00 Endowment Fund	
		\$1.50 Loan Fund	

COMPOSITION OF FRATERNITY FUNDS

National Convention Fund

\$2.50 active per capita tax

\$.50 alumnæ per capita tax

\$1.00 National Pledge Fee

Province Convention Fund

\$.50 active per capita tax

\$.50 National Pledge Fee

National Treasury

\$6.00 active per capita tax

\$.50 alumnæ per capita tax

DIVISION OF FRATERNITY INCOME

National Pledge Fee; \$5 (continued)

\$1.00 Scholarships for Children Fund

\$1.00 National Convention Fund

\$.50 Province Convention Fund

Royalties From Badges

Loan Fund

Central Office Maintenance

Installation Profits

Endowment Fund

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF FRATERNITY FINANCE

*Sources of Income**Date Distribution of Money*

Active chapter annual assessment

1891

1893 Travel—active delegates to convention

Active chapter charter fee \$20

1894

Active chapter annual assessment \$20

1898

Active chapter charter fee \$5.00 per capita

1900 Travel—two-thirds for Grand President and Grand Treasurer to convention

1902 Travel—two-thirds for entire Council to annual Council meetings

Alumnæ chapter annual assessment

1904 Travel—alumnæ delegates to convention

\$10

Active chapter annual assessment \$30

All expenses of National Inspector
1906 Travel—two-thirds for entire Council to convention

Active chapter charter fee \$20 per capita

1907 Stenographic help for officers

Active chapter per capita tax of \$2.00 substituted for annual assessment

1908 Travel—entire expenses of all officers at Council meeting and convention

1909 Salary—*Lyre* Editor—\$150 per annum

Active Chapter per capita \$3.00

1910 All administrative expenses for Council

Alumnæ chapter per capita \$1.00

Alumnæ notes—two, for \$5.00 each

Calendar sale

Scholarship Fund (later known as Reserve or Endowment fund)

Life subscription to *Lyre* \$20

1911 Star Studio built

Active chapter per capita \$5.00

1912 *Lyre* Reserve Fund

Convention Fund

Reserve Fund

<i>Sources of Income</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Distribution of Money</i>
Symphony post card sale	1913	
Calendar sale discontinued	1915	Scholarship Fund (later known as Loan Fund)
Convention seals sale		
Convention Transcript		
Life subscription to <i>Lyre</i> compulsory at \$10		
Badge Royalties		
Alumnæ club per capita 50c	1919	Star Studio Endowment \$1000 Archives vault built Alta Allen Loud Room furnished Salary Secretary-Editor Central Office expenses
Christmas Card sale	1920	Scholarships for Children Fund
Active chapter per capita \$8.00	1922	Extension financed from installation profits
Active chapter charter fee \$40		
Alumnæ chapter charter fee \$5.00		
20 annual per capitas required from each alumnæ chapter		
Honor Roll \$50 subscription		
Life subscription to <i>Lyre</i> \$15		
Alumnæ notes—five, for \$15 each		
Alumnæ chapter annual contribution \$50	1926	Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship
Alumnæ club annual contribution \$25		
All sales abolished		
Active chapter charter fee \$200 in addition to per capita charter fee		
Active chapter per capita \$10	1928	Salary—full time travelling officer
	1929	Rushing assistants' expenses Coörganizers' expenses Honorarium to Dean Howe <i>Lyre</i> Editor's salary discontinued
Alumnæ chapter charter fee abolished	1930	Salary of travelling officer discontinued
	1931	Salaries of \$1.00 per annum to bonded officers Two year fellowship to MacDowell Colony
Honor Roll, alumnæ notes, and alumnæ contributions abolished	1933	
National pledge fee \$5.00		
Alumnæ per capita \$1.00 for all	1935	Two year fellowship \$300 annually to MacDowell Colony Convention expenses to active chapter delegates for 1937 convention

CHAPTER 9

Publications and Records

THE DESIRE for printed records of matters of general interest to the fraternity was evidenced early in the life of the organization. The first convention authorized the publication of a magazine and a song book. With increased membership there developed the necessity for accurate directory lists, first published in the magazine, and later in a separate volume. A private bulletin, designed to carry information of interest solely to members of the fraternity, was the next publication to be added. The preservation of all records was given little thought until 1908 when plans were made for compiling the history of the fraternity. All available material was gathered at that time, and preserved to start what is today the archives.

Handbooks and manuals, the constitution and code, a convention newspaper, official letters and forms are all now published by the fraternity and distributed to its members. Each publication has been added as need for it arose. An examination of their individual development gives a good picture of the growth of the fraternity.

THE LYRE

Alpha Chi Omega formally considered a fraternity magazine at its first convention in 1891. A motion was carried that "the fraternity publication be put in the hands of Beta chapter, the name of it to be decided during the year and the publication to be introduced when Epsilon and Zeta chapters shall have been established." As these chapters were not installed until four years later, the records contain no further mention of the journal until 1894. The minutes of the convention of that year record a motion authorizing Alpha to undertake the publication of the journal, and specifying that all items should be sent to this chapter the next April. Alpha at once delegated the responsibility of editing the journal to one of its members, Mayme Jennings, assisted by Adeline Rowley and Zella Marshall. In June, 1894, the first volume of *The Lyre* made its appearance, the name being selected as that of the most significant emblem of the fraternity.

In this first number the editor wrote, "Since there were no explicit

directions given at the convention, I have followed what I felt to be the unexpressed wishes of all—that is, that *The Lyre* should be convenient and simple, though not elegant in form.” Only one number was published that year; it contained historical sketches of the chapters, letters, personals, an account of the convention, and the programs of several musicales. The dimensions of the forty pages of that number were six by nine inches. This format remained unchanged until 1934.

As there were at that time but four chapters, with a very small membership, and as there was no obligatory financial support provided for the journal, it is not strange that the next issue, Volume II, Number 1, bears the date of March, 1897. This followed the same general plan of composition as the first issue, differing only in having an olive instead of a blue cover, and in containing articles of general fraternity interest. Since then *The Lyre* has been published quarterly, with the exception of two issues, numbers 3 and 4 of Volume VIII. Mary Janet Wilson served as editor for the second issue, and continued in office until 1900. At the convention held that year motions were passed requiring better chapter support for the journal, and Edith Manchester, Zeta, was elected editor. Money was appropriated from the grand treasury for the publication, and any surplus was to go to the editor. With this provision, and with the increasing circulation, the editor and her assistant, Mary Perine, Beta, appointed in 1902, were able constantly to improve the magazine. There were still serious and often discouraging difficulties which the staff struggled to overcome for five years. The Grand Council accepted the resignation of the editor and her assistant in 1905, and elected to their respective positions Elma Patton Wade and Jennie McHatton, both of Alpha. A persistent circulation campaign was conducted, the system of bookkeeping reorganized, and more advertisements secured by this staff.

At the Grand Council meeting of 1907, Florence Reed Haseltine, Zeta, was elected editor with power to appoint her assistants. She selected Laura Howe, Zeta, Grand Treasurer, as business manager, who was succeeded by Myrta McKean Dennis, Gamma, two years later. While Mrs. Haseltine was editor *The Lyre* showed steady development. Besides a marked improvement in the general composition of the magazine, with its size nearly doubled, a better quality of paper and type, and the addition of many illustrations, there was evolved a business system that produced greater promptness and better business methods on the part of chapter editors. Personals, alumnæ articles and chap-

ter letters grew in interest and individuality. Active pride was stimulated by competition in the *Eklekta* department. Mrs. Haseltine created the office of chief alumna, through which alumnae interest was revived and coöperation secured. Exchange and collegiate departments showed growth, and the editorials were widely quoted by other fraternity journals.

Florence A. Armstrong, Mu, was elected to succeed Mrs. Haseltine in 1910. She served for nine years. At the close of this period, the growth of the fraternity necessitated a central administrative office, and the post of editor was combined with that of secretary to make possible the employment of a full time salaried officer. Mary Emma Griffith, Lambda, was selected to fill the new position, serving also as business manager. The policy as established by Miss Armstrong was followed and expanded, and Mary Emma Griffith Marshall continued her work with the journal until her death in 1925. Hazel E. Eckhart, Theta, was appointed to fill the vacant post.

The separation of the two offices of secretary and editor in 1929 marked a definite line of progress in that it again made it possible for the editor to have the magazine her primary interest and function "rather than" as Miss Eckhart wrote in her report of that year, "a by-product of her effort and time as has been the case for the past few years." Miss Eckhart resigned as secretary at that time, but continued as editor for one more issue, the October, 1929, number. The January and May issues were put under the management of Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, Central Province President. Theodora Maltbie Collins, Rho, exchange editor, took care of the March issue. At the Del Monte convention Mrs. Collins was elected National Editor, which position she has since held.

To every magazine the question of finances is a serious concern. For many years *The Lyre* was a burden to the grand treasury. By 1908 however, it had reached a self-supporting stage. In that year the convention passed a ruling that each initiate should be required to subscribe to the magazine for one year after graduation besides during her undergraduate days. Payment for the entire period was to be made at the time of initiation. The experiment was successful, and alumnae subscriptions steadily increased. From 750 copies in July, 1910, the list lengthened to 1750 copies published in July 1915. The rise in alumnae support was not sufficient to meet the expectations of the management. Repeated campaigns, in which the chapters faithfully coöperated raised

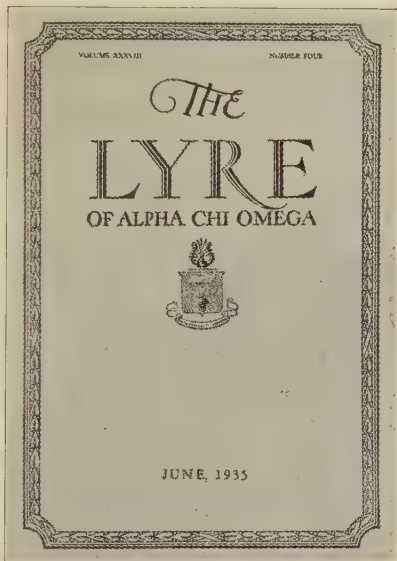


COVERS OF "THE LYRE"

the percentage of alumnæ subscriptions, but this was only temporary. An automatic system of life subscriptions was necessary. Such a plan was offered in April, 1911. The plan met with favor, but there were only a few who remitted the twenty dollars established as the subscription price.

The 1915 convention adopted a system of life subscriptions for all initiates. The price was set at \$10, or \$11 if paid in three installments. The same rates and terms were offered to alumnæ. A large number of subscriptions were pledged at the convention, and the measure was enthusiastically received. The installment system of payment proved to be unsatisfactory, so a single payment of ten dollars was later substituted. Because of the increased cost of publication the convention in 1922 again found it necessary to make a change, increasing the price to fifteen dollars. A small sum is set aside from each subscription and invested, so that a *Lyre* reserve fund has been built up which amounted to \$74,000 in 1935. The requirement of life subscriptions from each initiate has resulted not only in financial independence for the magazine, but also in a recognized solidarity of the alumnæ.

The cover designs of *The Lyre* were simple at first, containing only lettering on the first issues. The first number was bound in pale blue. For many years after that an olive cover bearing a small Grecian lyre in scarlet was used. With the January, 1908, number a new design was adopted, a Grecian temple bearing the letters $\Lambda \times \Omega$. A more elaborate design was selected in 1910, the coat-of-arms and a panel of Greek figures representing the arts. This was in black on a light tan background. In coöperation with the National President, Miss Eckhart made changes in the cover for Volume XXXIII in 1929. A simple design was chosen in which was incorporated only the coat-of-arms and the name of the magazine. This was presented in black and red on a paper



COVER OF THE LYRE, 1929-1935

of different weight in a slightly darker shade than the tan previously used. A year later the color was again changed, this time to a deep green on which the same design was used. This remained unchanged to November, 1935. In 1930 the directory section was relegated to the back of the magazine, in order to give the reader access to the feature section the moment the magazine was opened. Volume XXXVI witnessed the abandonment of the designs which had been used since Mrs. Haseltine's régime as department headings, this effecting a saving in valuable type space as well as giving a more modern appearance to the quarterly. Starting with the first issue of Volume XXXVIII an entire change in format was inaugurated, to allow the use of double columns throughout, thereby saving space and permitting more readable presentation.

The journal today is composed of feature articles contributed by alumnæ; an *Eklekta* department containing selected articles from those contributed by the active chapters; "Interesting Alpha Chis," a section featuring distinguished alumnæ; an exchange department giving news of other fraternities; poetry; lists of marriages, births and deaths; editorials and announcements; "Things You Might Miss"; a calendar; and a directory of officers, committee chairmen, and active and alumnæ groups.

The present editorial policy of *The Lyre* is based on three main purposes; to give a picture of the fraternity to its members, to keep all alumnæ and actives in touch with each other, and to represent the organization at its true value to the rest of the Greek world. The general theme of the feature section varies from issue to issue, but usually the first number of every volume, the November one, is an alumnæ issue. Practically every number carries "Interesting Alpha Chis." Panhellenic affairs are often featured. A greatly increased number of pictures, alumnæ news items, and attractive frontispieces have added much to the popularity of *The Lyre*. More material from other fraternity publications is used than by most of the other journals, with whom cuts are exchanged as needed.

The Editor has always kept in friendly contact with Panhellenic and Interfraternity contemporaries which is an increasing benefit in many ways. In Miss Eckhart's term of office, Alpha Chi Omega held the chairmanship of the Editors' conference in the National Panhellenic Congress. *The Lyre* is well and favorably known in the Greek world, where it enjoys the distinction of being classed with the very-best in

the field. It has 9,947 life subscribers, as of January 1, 1935, and has a total circulation of 12,250.

THE SONGBOOK

Almost from the founding of the fraternity there existed a desire for significant songs of Alpha Chi Omega. The first formal record of this sentiment is found in the minutes of the meeting of Alpha chapter February 5, 1886, when a motion was passed that Florence Thompson write the words and Estelle Leonard the music of a fraternity song. The name selected for the composition was "Alpha Prima." Other songs were written by members of the early chapters, but no definite plan for their collection was made until the first convention in 1891. Then the publication of a songbook was discussed and each chapter was required to submit at least four original songs within the next year. In 1893 Gamma was appointed to publish the book, which was done within the year. This simple little pamphlet contained eleven songs to be sung to familiar airs, no music being included.

The need of a larger and better songbook, containing music as well as words soon became evident. The 1896 convention appointed Gamma to publish another edition, but as collecting the material proved to be a long task, it was not until 1904 that Mabel Dunn, the chairman, got out the second edition. It was bound in an attractive durable cover, and contained thirty-one songs, twenty-six of which were set to original music. The edition was soon exhausted so the 1906 convention authorized Myrta McKean Dennis, Gamma, to publish a new one. This volume, which was presented to the next convention, contained sixty songs, thirty-one with original music. The songs were contributed as before by active and alumnæ members. Practically all earlier ones were incorporated in this edition. Mrs. Dennis was appointed Custodian of the Songbook in 1908, and Mary R. Vose, Gamma, succeeded her. Lucile Morgan Gibson, Gamma, followed her in 1912. Two years later the subject of a new edition was broached. All chapters were requested to send in the names of fifteen songs in the third edition, in the order of choice. Every song receiving five votes was retained, twenty-six being chosen. Some of these were set to new music, and several were transposed to bring them within range of the average voice. A competition was arranged, offering a \$10 prize for the best original music and words, and a second prize of \$5.00 for the best verses. This brought in a number of new compositions, while others were received through direct

solicitation from the committee. The first prize went to Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, Rho, for "I Am an Alpha Chi" and the second to Lucile Lippitt, Delta, for "The Invocation."

The fourth edition was ready in 1915. Fifty-three songs were included, more than half of them being new. At this time Blanch F. Brocklebank, Zeta, was appointed Custodian of the Songbook, and was succeeded by Annie May Cook, Zeta, who served until 1918. The fifth edition appeared in that year, and the sixth edition three years later, both under the direction of the new Custodian, Estelle McFarlane Dunkle, Zeta. The 1923 edition, of 3,000 copies, had Mrs. Dunkle for business manager, and Elthea Snider Turner, Gamma, for editor. A supplement was issued in 1925, and a new edition of 11,000 copies came from the press in 1928. The ninth edition was compiled under the direction of Eloise Carey Wadley, Zeta, and appeared in the summer of 1935.

THE DIRECTORY

The early records of the fraternity show that the names and addresses of all members were kept separately by the chapters, arranged according to the years of initiation. The 1896 convention provided for a register of all members to be kept by Alpha. From these lists the editor of *The Lyre* compiled and printed in the journal a complete alphabetical directory by chapters. The first list appeared in 1897. Five subsequent ones were compiled, the last in 1907. Since this method proved inadequate, the Council in 1907 appointed Mabel H. Siller, Gamma, Grand Historian, to compile and publish a separate directory. In the following July the first *Directory of Alpha Chi Omega* appeared in pamphlet form. This book contained the names and addresses of the Council, a list of the active chapters Alpha through Xi with their addresses and installation dates, a list of the alumnæ chapters Alpha Alpha through Gamma Gamma with their dates of establishment, and an alphabetical catalogue of members by chapters.

The first edition of *The History* in 1911 carried two lists; one by chapters, Alpha through Sigma with dates of initiation and addresses, and the other by alphabet, with chapter indicated. Annual directories were published thereafter by *The Lyre* for the next three years; twice in pamphlet form, and in April, 1913, in the regular issue. Since there was no provision for the purchase of the directories, *The Lyre* lost heavily. In 1916 the alumnæ association published a directory, in a

pocket edition, and provided a copy to all initiates by constitutional requirement. This edition contained a catalogue arranged alphabetically by maiden name according to chapters and geographic location. The *Directory* was again published in 1923, this time including three indexes, by chapter, location, and alphabetical list. The sixteenth edition came from the press in 1927, and the seventeenth in 1931.

The fiftieth anniversary edition was published in 1934. It contained a directory of the Founders, the National Council, and the Province Presidents; a list of active chapters with the number initiated by each; alumnae chapters and clubs, with their location and date of establishment; and three indexes of members. The chapter section lists maiden names alphabetically, and gives married name, date of initiation, and address for each. In the alphabetical section names are arranged without regard to chapter alphabetically by both maiden and married name, with the chapter given for each. The final list is by location, giving present name with maiden name and chapter. The last edition was compiled by the Central Office staff. It lists more than 13,000 members of the fraternity, which means more than three times that number of entries, and represents an immense amount of painstaking work.

THE HERAEUM AND THE ARGOLID

A private bulletin was authorized as early as 1900 to be circulated among the chapters containing "matters that cannot be published in *The Lyre*." Not until 1910 did this become a regular publication of the fraternity, known as *The Heraeum*. The 1911 Council meeting recognized the value of the first issue, and ordered that it be continued as an annual supplement to *The Lyre*. Until 1922 it was sent to all subscribers with the first number of each volume of the magazine. Since that time it has been sent automatically only to active and alumnae groups, national officers and committee chairmen, and members definitely connected with the work of the fraternity. It is available without cost to any member who requests it from the Central Office. The restricted distribution was authorized by the 1924 convention in order to cut down expenses, and to ensure privacy.

The Heraeum contains the minutes of the National Council and of the national convention and the reports of committees, providing members of the fraternity with a workable knowledge of the details of its business. The complete file of the annual issues forms a current history of fraternity policies and legislation. The publication expense is borne

by the national treasury, and the mailing costs by *The Lyre*. The work of editing is performed by the National Secretary.

The Argolid was a private bulletin to which was consigned all material not included in *The Heraeum*, such as general communications from national officers to the fraternity at large. It was authorized and published in 1913; it appeared twice in 1914; and after the next convention, was issued bi-monthly by the National Secretary. The 1922 convention ordered that it appear only twice a year, and the 1928 Council meeting ruled that it should come out annually in February. It was discontinued in 1929, since the Central Office had by that time developed facilities for caring for all correspondence, and direct communications on a more personal basis produced far better results. It was abolished by constitutional change in 1934.

THE HISTORY

The history of any national fraternity is in its early years largely the annals of individual chapters. The earliest records of Alpha Chi Omega are therefore the minutes of Alpha's chapter meetings. Fortunately these were preserved, as were the minutes of the first conventions and council meetings. With the publication of *The Lyre*, another source of great value was added, for the magazine carried in many of its issues historical sketches of the chapters, pictures of their members, and reminiscences of alumnæ. These three sources, however, were not available for the fraternity at large to read; only one copy of the various minutes was preserved, and *The Lyre* did not circulate among all the members. Hence by 1908 the need for a national history in book form had made itself felt. In that year the Grand Chapter appointed "Mable Siller, Grand Historian, to compile and to publish a history of Alpha Chi Omega with assurance of financial support and compensation and with the privilege of choosing her assistants." *The History of Alpha Chi Omega*, published in 1911, was the result of years of work on the part of the author, in gathering data, and in compiling and publishing the volume with the assistance of an editorial board. It represented an earnest effort to give as comprehensive an outline as possible of the fraternity's development during its first twenty-five years of existence. One who has never tried to cull coherent data from isolated sources can have no appreciation of the infinite patience and endless time required for the task. Miss Siller's pioneer work has been of great and lasting value to the fraternity.

The first edition was exhausted in four years. Many copies had been distributed to other national organizations, as well as to members of Alpha Chi Omega, for since it was the second history to be published by a women's fraternity, it aroused widespread interest, and was widely used for reference. In 1914 a committee was appointed to investigate publishing a second edition. The next year it brought in its report to the convention, with the result that a revision "from a combined personal and statistical standpoint" was authorized. Florence A. Armstrong, Mu, who had assisted in compiling and had edited and published the first edition was asked to make the revision. Her work for six years as editor of *The Lyre* as well as her editorial duties on the first edition made her well fitted to undertake the task.

Through the courtesy of Marion Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, the 1916 edition of the *History* was written for the most part in the Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, New Hampshire. Following the war, Miss Armstrong was again called upon to revise the volume. The third edition appeared in 1921. Included in it were several entirely new sections dealing with the fraternity's participation in war work, national altruistic work, current educational conditions, and expansion, as well as a statistical revision.

With the exhaustion of the third edition, the Council requested Esther Barney Wilson, Beta, to undertake the revision. Mrs. Wilson's years of service as Province President and National Treasurer had given her a wide knowledge of current fraternity conditions. Her work brought the *History* up to date by the addition of information regarding newly installed chapters, national officers, and national wealth. Besides this, she grouped much of the material already at hand into more logical divisions. Much, however, of the previous edition was retained, and Mrs. Wilson very capably modified her style of writing to blend with the previous work. The fourth edition came from the press in 1928.

Feeling that the six years which followed had witnessed many changes, and since almost all of the copies has been distributed, the National Council at its meeting in 1934 voted that a new edition be prepared, to be ready for distribution following the convention that marked the fiftieth anniversary of the fraternity. Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, was asked to do the work. Her previous training in research as a graduate student in history, her Council experience, and her intimate knowledge of the individual chapters gained from

personal visits of inspection to almost every one of the fifty-eight, proved to be of great value in the work.

CALENDAR

Between 1910 and 1916 five annual calendars were brought out by the fraternity. These were of different sizes, each ornamented with an appropriate design. The national organization published the first one, but gave permission to various chapters to bring out the subsequent issues, so that the revenue therefrom could be applied to special projects within these groups.

CEREMONIES

As early as 1912 all the ceremonies of the fraternity other than the pledging and initiation ritual were brought together under one cover and distributed to all chapters. This booklet was revised and a second edition published in 1921. Again in 1930 a third edition was distributed. This last edition contains the ceremonies generally in use in the active and alumnæ chapters and a list of fraternity forms, publications and miscellaneous supplies, all of which are obtainable from the Central Office. All other ceremonies are mimeographed, and distributed from the office on request. The fraternity's ritual is blueprinted and numbered, and sent only to active chapters and national officers.

CONSTITUTION

The draft for Alpha Chi Omega's first constitution was made by James G. Campbell, Beta Theta Pi. This was adopted December 5, 1885. Three months later the first of many revisions was authorized. No printed copy appeared until 1915, when the completely revised version which had been provisionally accepted by the 1912 convention went into effect. Reprints, each entailing revision which was accomplished piecemeal at each convention, were made in 1922, 1929, and finally in 1934. This last or fifth edition was accepted by the written vote of all chapters, since there was no convention session held. A copy of the constitution is included in each initiate's equipment.

THE CONVENTION TRANSCRIPT

For the first time in 1915 the fraternity sponsored a daily convention newspaper. At the time of their registration at the Long Beach convention, the delegates received the first copy of *The Convention Transcript*,

edited by Florence A. Armstrong, Mu. Five editions were distributed during the convention, many of the copies being sent to members not present. Accounts of each day's sessions, stories of the social functions, articles of general fraternity interest, and announcements were included. This was the beginning of a regular convention publication for the purpose of quickly disseminating information regarding the work and spirit of the gathering. The first paper, like all subsequent issues was of four pages, in size and style like a university daily.

The second volume appeared at the next convention in 1919. In addition to regular news items, excellent summaries of committee reports were given, which provided members with brief discussions of the significant facts in the fraternity's records between conventions. The publication of the *Transcript* at all future conventions was authorized at this time, and it was voted to require each active member to subscribe to it.

The newspaper has paid for itself at each convention and has made a small profit. The surplus from the first volume helped to swell the Scholarship fund; the second volume's profits made possible the adoption of two French orphans for a year. The Distinguished Service Medal was financed by the balance from the third volume, while more than \$300 profit from the fourth was turned over to the MacDowell Memorial Association Endowment fund. The surplus from the 1928 *Transcript* was given to the Scholarships for Children fund, and from the 1930 volume to Marion Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, for the improvement of Star Studio.

In 1935 the *Transcript* appeared as a supplement to the memory book which was published for all who attended the Golden Jubilee convention. A brief sketch of each chapter's history with the pictures of delegates and other convention officials, and pages for autographs and notes formed the memory book. These pages were clipped in a gold cover, bearing the convention medallion. When the *Transcript* pages were added, the whole formed the most complete record which the fraternity has of any of its conventions.

PLEDGE HANDBOOK

The first edition of a handbook for pledges appeared in 1924. It was compiled by Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Lambda, Secretary-Editor, from a draft by Gamma chapter. All the subsequent editions, 1926, 1928, 1930, and 1933 have been prepared in the Central Office, and edited by

the National Secretary. There has been very little change in content except to bring statistical material up to date. No change has been made in the original size and form of the small green pamphlet. The booklet contains information about the fraternity's founding, organization, active and alumnæ groups, altruistic work and customs, as well as information about the National Panhellenic Congress. Each pledge is given a copy as soon as she affiliates with the fraternity, and she is expected to assimilate the information therein contained.

MOTHERS' CLUB HANDBOOK

A handbook for the use of Mothers' Clubs was published by the fraternity in 1926 in response to the need for disseminating information among the members of the clubs then organized, and to interest prospective groups. This small booklet contains brief facts about Alpha Chi Omega, National Panhellenic Congress standards and policies, suggested topics for meetings, and a suggested constitution. It was sent to all clubs then in existence, to active chapters, and subsequently to newly organized groups. It was revised in 1931, and may be obtained on request from the Central Office.

ALUMNÆ MANUAL AND LETTERS

At the request of the National Vice-President, Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, the Council authorized the publication of the *Alumnæ Manual* in 1932. The National President and Secretary coöperated with Mrs. Donald in the preparation of this twenty-eight page pamphlet, which was brought out in April, 1933. From the Central Office it was mailed to more than 9,000 alumnæ. The manual contains concise information in regard to fraternity policies, historical data, philanthropic work, and National Panhellenic Congress, as well as a directory of active and alumnæ groups and national officers.

The 1933 Council meeting authorized an annual mimeographed letter to all alumnæ to serve as a supplement to the manual, and to take the place of the biennial letter. The origin of this publication was in 1908, when the first alumnæ letter was compiled. Two successive ones were sent out in the following years, and the biennial letter first appeared in 1911. It was thereafter sent regularly to all alumnæ until 1933.

CHARTER

The first charter was drawn up by Mary Jones and Estelle Leonard, Alpha, and was adopted after slight revision in May, 1887. It was lithographed on imitation parchment. Each charter member and general



Charter from the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity

GRANTED A. D. 19__



Be it known that we, the Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity, desiring to maintain and to extend the interest in the Fraternity, do establish an—
Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity, under the name
and title of _____ in _____

In witness whereof is affixed the signature of the Grand Chapter and Seal thereof.

Signed _____

President.

Secretary.

CHARTER OF 1906

officer signed her name upon it, and to the lower left-hand corner was affixed the gold seal with small pieces of scarlet and green ribbon.

This early charter was not suitable for the use of alumnae chapters, so with the establishment of Alpha Alpha in 1906 it became necessary to prepare a new form. This was done by Laura A. Howe, Zeta, Edith Manchester, Zeta, and Mabel H. Siller, Gamma. While similar to the one used by the active chapters, it was more simple in design. As the

Alpha Chi Omega



*Unto all to whom these presents may come Greeting:
Know ye that the Grand Chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega
Fraternity hath constituted and doth hereby constitute*

*and their duly initiated successors into an
chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity under the name
and title of*

*That they have been vested with full powers and privileges to per-
form all duties and ceremonies of the Fraternity provided
always that they uphold the Bond of the Alpha Chi Omega
conform to the Constitution and obey all other laws of the Fra-
ternity; otherwise this charter may be declared null and void*



*In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed the seal of the Fraternity this
day of*

*Anno Domini
and Anno Fraternitatis*

President

Secretary

PRESENT CHARTER

fraternity grew it seemed desirable to have a uniform charter, suitable for both groups. Laura A. Howe, Zeta, was appointed to select the design, which was adopted in 1910. The charter is engraved on parchment, and bears the coat-of-arms at the top. The names of the charter members are embossed in uniform lettering, and on the lower left-hand

corner the gold seal and the fraternity colors appear. This design is now used for all active chapters.

In 1934 it was felt to be more expedient to again change the form for alumnæ groups. A design was made suitable for both chapters and clubs. The only change is that in the club form the word "chartered" is

Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity

These Presents Certify that

was recognised by the
Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity
on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19____
and is entitled to all the rights and privileges as outlined in
the Constitution and Code of the Fraternity

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NATIONAL SECRETARY

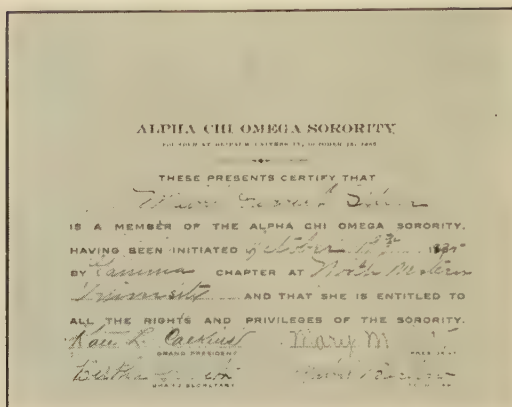
PRESENT ALUMNÆ CHARTER

replaced by "recognized." The charter is engrossed on cardboard small enough to fit into the president's ritual handbook.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

The first membership certificates, used at the installation of Beta in 1887 were termed "cards of admission to the fraternity." A more dignified certificate was drawn up by Edith Manchester, Zeta, which was used until 1908. It was a printed card with the facsimile of the badge embossed in white at the top. The Grand President, Grand Secretary, and chapter president signed these certificates.

In 1908 the convention appointed Laura A. Howe, Zeta, to select a new form which was adopted two years later, and is still in use. It is an engraved card, bearing the coat-of-arms in the upper left-hand corner.



OLD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The name of the initiate, her chapter, and the date of initiation are embossed in uniform lettering. Each certificate is signed by the National President and the National Secretary.



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 ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity

These Presents Certify that

Was Initiated

1 by

Chapter

at and that *She Is Entitled to*
All the Rights and Privileges of the Fraternity

National President

National Secretary

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

FORMS AND HANDBOOKS

The fraternity has developed a complete but simple system of forms, handbooks and record books. Each Council member, Province President and alumna adviser is furnished with a handbook containing instructions, suggestions and a complete file of sample forms. Each new chapter is equipped at its installation with uniform books for records, and handbooks for all officers. These are revised as necessary, the last revision being in 1934.

The official forms upon which reports and orders are sent to officers constitute an important part of the fraternity's publications. Before 1914 supplies were cared for by individual officers, no uniform blanks being used. An official Keeper of Supplies was then appointed, Kathryn Morgan, Xi, who developed a simplified system of ordering and distributing the necessary equipment to chapters and individual members. In 1919 her work was taken over by the new Central Office. In 1920 the Secretary-Editor further simplified the work by establishing the use of a number to designate each initiate under her proper chapter. Thereafter all supplies were ordered on uniform blanks, using this number, thus avoiding confusion. These blanks have been revised in the interests of simplicity, and supplemented by the addition of report forms of all kinds which facilitate the work of all officers. The number now in use totals fifty-five, most of which are supplied free of charge.

OFFICIAL FORMS OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

*Form**Number*

1. Lyre Subscription Blank
2. Official Jewelry Order Blank
3. Order Blank for Initiates' Supplies
7. Initiation Record
11. Central Office Order Blank
12. National Council Statement Blank
13. Central Office Statement Blank
14. Reserve Fund Note Blank
15. A-K. Inspection Blanks
16. Inspection Blank—Member's Record
18. Reserve Fund Receipt
20. Individual Scholarship Record
21. Individual Activities Record
22. Delinquent Notice
23. Suggestions for Inspection

25. Application for a Loan
26. Loan Fund Note
27. Rules Governing Loan Fund
28. Loan Fund Notes for Parents' Signature
30. National President's Receipt Blank
31. Annual Report of Alumnæ Chapters and Clubs
32. Alumna Adviser's Annual Report
35. Petitioner's Blank
36. Petition for Alumnæ Chapter Charter
37. Petition for Alumnæ Club
38. Record of Petitioner
40. Budget Blank
41. Treasurer's Report
44. Treasurer's Monthly Statement
51. Membership List (Active Chapter)
52. Lyre Subscription Blank (Alumnæ)
54. Membership List (Alumnæ Groups)
56. Affiliation Certificate
57. Directory Card
60. Release of Pledge
62. Recommendation Blank
65. Convention Credentials
66. Convention Voucher
70. Scholarships for Children Application
72. Petition for Repledging
73. Acknowledgment of Recommendation
75. Petty Cash Voucher
76. State Alumnæ Chairman Statement
77. Removal Notice

ARCHIVES

No organized plan for keeping valuable records of the fraternity existed prior to 1913. Individual chapters kept their own files, in whatever form they saw fit, and national officers did likewise. The need for organization became imperative, so a Keeper of the Archives was appointed in 1913. Grace Hammond Holmes, Delta, was the first to hold this position. She gathered material from all the chapters, and added it to the records of all sorts which had been gathered together by the author of the fraternity's history, which had been published two years earlier. Subsequently Ann Kieckhefer, Kappa, Mary Wade, Alpha, Della Broadstreet Peck, Alpha, and Anna Allen Smith, Founder, served as Keeper of the Archives. Upon the death of Mrs. Smith, Hannah Keenan, Alpha, was appointed to the position. Her work in the Central

Office has greatly simplified the task of organizing the archives and bringing them up to date.

The 1919 convention made provision for storing the fraternity's records in a permanent safe place. Alpha chapter was at that time planning its new home. Five hundred dollars was appropriated from the national treasury to build a fire-proof vault in the basement of this house. Upon its completion, the archives were moved there, and later catalogued. A correspondence file was added to the vault's equipment in 1929, made possible by a gift of \$100 from Upsilon Upsilon to the memory of Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Lambda. In its twenty-four drawers are catalogued and filed all important correspondence of active and alumnæ chapters and officers of the fraternity since its establishment. Also in the brick vault are to be found pictures of members, early badges, formal petitions from chartered groups, a complete set of bound volumes of *The Lyre*, first minute and chapter books, all national publications of the fraternity, and other material of permanent interest and value.



HANNAH KEENAN
Keeper of the Archives

Symbols and Honors

ALL YOUTH delights in signs and symbols, just as it does in the idea of secrecy which seems to enhance the value of a possession or of a society. The choice of symbols, passwords and mottos is therefore a serious matter. Some shibboleth must be sought which will be unique, which will provide an open sesame to the initiate alone.

The insignia of a fraternity may be selected by its founders or may come into being as the organization develops. The seven whose work laid the foundation for Alpha Chi Omega did not neglect this important feature of fraternity life. Fortunate was their choice of emblems and ritualistic forms, which have not been discarded and which are essentially unchanged after fifty years. They chose the badge, the seal, the colors and the flower, the grip and the password. They helped to select the motto and the whistle. It was not until some time later that the pledge pin was chosen, since ribbons were the sole identifying mark used at the beginning. The recognition pin was of still later origin, as were the flag and the coat-of-arms.

The custom of showing approbation for outstanding work in any organization by the bestowal of distinctive awards is ubiquitous. In Alpha Chi Omega a quarter of a century passed, however, before any such awards were evolved. In 1910 the highest individual honor which the fraternity can give was created, the Hera Head. Since that time other honors both for individual work, such as the Distinguished Service Medal and *The Lyre* prizes, and for chapter endeavor, as the scholarship and other cups, have been developed and awarded from time to time. A list of the recipients of such honors will be found included in this chapter, as well as a list of those members of the fraternity who have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Mortar Board. Other campus honors are neither of permanent significance nor is there space to consider them in a history of the fraternity at large.

BADGE

Nothing in fraternity symbolism is so important nor so beloved as the badge. Its ritualistic meaning embodies the idealism of the organization, and its significance is treasured by all initiated members.

The badge of Alpha Chi Omega was designed by James C. Campbell, Beta Theta Pi. At the behest of the seven girls who founded the fraternity he made many drawings, the lyre being finally chosen as most appropriate and beautiful. The design was sent to several jewelers, and the sample pins which were submitted differed in detail, but were alike in all essential features. The *DePauw Monthly* in November 1885 records; "The badge is very handsome, made in the shape of a lyre, and beautifully set with pearls and diamonds." The only original badge still extant is that of Bertha Deniston Cunningham. It is a golden lyre about three-fourths of an inch in length and one-half inch wide. It is set with flat pearls and garnets, the latter being used in the triangular base and for the two upper outer jewels. The three gold strings are flat; the scroll spanning them is gold, with the letters A X Ω in black upon it. Badges even larger than this were made later, reaching one and one-half inches in length.

Standardization was begun when the 1897 convention voted that three jewels should be required, one at each upper outer corner, and the third below the plain or twisted strings at the apex of the base triangle. In 1906 the convention ordered an official die made, with twisted strings, and provided for the use of identification blanks to accompany all orders. At this time the J. F. Newman Company was appointed sole official jeweler. There was still some variation in the badges, since any jewels which were desired might be ordered. The 1910 convention restricted the choice to pearls or diamonds, or a combination of the two. Plain gold badges, with simply the three required jewels could still be used until 1929 when the final standardization was made.

The badge today is smaller than the original one. It has crown set pearls, three twisted strings, and a black enameled slightly convex scroll bearing the letters A X Ω in gold. The badges jeweled in part or entirely with diamonds are identical in all other details to the pearl ones. The badge is worn over the heart, by initiated members of the fraternity only. The cost of the badge is included in the initiation fee, so that each member receives one as soon as she is admitted to full membership. Each badge is marked on the base with the name and chapter of its owner. A guard may be worn, attached to the badge by a fine gold chain. This may be one of three types, in the form of the letters designating the chapter, either plain gold or pearl set, or in the form of a tiny gold coat-of-arms. Since 1922, the jeweler with exclusive right to manufacture the badge and guard has been the L. G. Balfour Company.



ALPHA CHI OMEGA INSIGNIA

1. Original badge of Bertha Denniston Cunningham, 1885
2. Hera Head
3. Present official crown set pearl badge
4. Pledge pin
5. Diamond set badge presented by Alpha chapter to Maud Powell, 1897
6. Recognition pin
7. Earliest guard now in existence, 1892
8. Present plain guard
9. Present jeweled guard
10. Coat-of-arms guard
11. Early Badges: smaller set with garnets and three diamonds;
larger set with garnets and three emeralds.

PLEDGE PIN

In the early days of the fraternity it was customary to pledge Greek novitiates with ribbons. These were usually huge bows worn on the shoulder, with streamers reaching to the hem of the dress. Even today in many chapters the custom has survived, a tiny tailored bow of scarlet and olive ribbon being worn over the heart on the day of pledging. As early as 1893, however, the more dignified and less conspicuous system of designating pledges were instituted. At that time a gold stick pin was adopted, in the shape of a lyre, having a small white enamel chapter letter superimposed. This did not prove satisfactory, so the official jeweler, at that time J. F. Newman, was asked to submit a new design. A small diamond shaped pin, enameled half in scarlet and half in olive green, bearing in the center an inlaid golden lyre was accepted in 1900 as the official pledge pin of the fraternity. This design has been in use ever since, the only change being a slight reduction in the size of the pin. It is given to the novitiate in the ceremony of pledging, to be worn until her initiation when it is returned to the chapter.

RECOGNITION PIN

A recognition pin was designed for the fraternity in 1917 by a committee appointed for the purpose. It was a stick pin, bearing a small gold lyre bird, similar to that which serves as the crest of the coat-of-arms, enclosed in a triangle. In 1921 the design was changed, the triangle being removed, and the pin itself made with a safety catch, to be attached to the lapel of a coat.

COAT-OF-ARMS

Since the earliest times symbols have been used to identify tribes or families. It was not until the Middle Ages, however, that heraldry developed. The Crusades drew men together from all sections of Western Europe and since the type of armor that was in vogue did not permit easy identification, it was found necessary to adopt some distinguishing symbol which might be worn in a conspicuous place. Gradually the custom of carrying a coat-of-arms on the knightly shield came into use, each band adopting the devices chosen by the leader to represent his family. Besides the heraldic devices depicted on the shield, the coat-of-arms came to include appendages, all those things which were borne external to the shield, such as the crest, originally the plume on the helmet, and the motto, the war-cry of the knight.

All heraldry is symbolic; in that of a fraternity, only those symbols are used which express its ideals, and which have a deep significance for its members. The coat-of-arms of Alpha Chi Omega was prepared



BLAZON OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA ARMS

ESCUTCHEON	Gules—a fess vert— Of the first in middle chief an Open Book Or—in middle base a Sheaf of Wheat corded of the same. Of the second—three mullets—argent.
CREST	A Lyric Bird—ppr.
MOTTO	As described in Greek letters.

by a committee of which the Grand President, Alta Allen Loud, acted as chairman. The work of this committee was careful and exact, and the coat-of-arms which was adopted by the 1908 convention follows in every detail the rules for blazoning. These rules are precise, brief and complete. The language is technical, so it seems advisable to include here a translation of the blazon of the official coat-of-arms.

The square shield is red (gules, perpendicular lines); it is divided by a bar or fess of olive green (vert). In the first division at the top ("of the first" meaning red) is an open book in gold (or), and in the other red section at the base is a garb or shief of wheat, also in gold, corded and fastened with a knot. The bar has on it three white (argent—originally silver) stars (mulletts). The lyric bird which is the crest is in its natural color (ppr.). Below is the scroll, bearing the Greek words of the open motto *Συσπουδάσωμεν τὰ ἀνώτατα*—"Together let us seek the Heights."

SEAL

The custom of using seals dates back into the mists of antiquity. The Egyptians are the earliest people of whom we have record who practiced the art of seal engraving. Alpha Chi Omega's seal originally consisted of the facsimile of the badge, enclosed in a circle which bore around its circumference the inscription "Alpha Chi Omega—De Pauw Univ. A.D. 1885." The new seal which was adopted in 1914 was designed by Birdean Motter Ely, Omicron, then National Secretary. The circular form was retained, with the coat-of-arms in the center, while around the circumference is inscribed "Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity A.D. 1885."



SEAL OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

FLAG

Various Alpha Chi Omega flags were used in the early years of the fraternity, each an expression of personal taste in the adaptation of the colors, the Greek letters and the lyre. As the fraternity developed in uniformity it was thought best to have an official flag which would conform to heraldic principles. In 1908 Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, and



Mabel H. Siller, Gamma, were appointed to study the matter. As a result a design was submitted to the Council, which the convention of 1910 accepted.

The flag is a rectangle of olive green with a scarlet chevron extending from the center of the top to the two lower corners. On it are three olive stars with white tracing, while below the chevron on the olive field is a scarlet lyre bird. The flag is made to be suspended from a horizontal bar.

COLORS

The colors of the fraternity selected at the time of its founding were scarlet and bronze green. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the latter color, olive green was substituted during the first year. Olive Burnett Clark writes of the selection of the colors as follows:

I suppose you have heard how we happened to decide upon our colors. We found them in the maple leaf, the October maple, beautiful with the tints of autumn, the scarlet and the bronze green—we found them the day after our first meeting under a maple tree in the east college campus just opposite the girls' dormitory, where we girls were standing debating the many phases of the new fraternity, little dreaming however, of the place the future would hold for us.

Estelle Leonard was commissioned to go into Indianapolis and buy ribbons of all possible colors, which she brought back to the next meeting. There, after many combinations were tried, the little group decided that their selection of scarlet and green was best.

FLOWER

As the choice of a flower for a secret organization involves many considerations, it is a matter of satisfaction in Alpha Chi Omega that the founders decided upon so beautiful and so adaptable a flower as the red carnation, and with wise forethought added to it the graceful smilax. The two typify the colors of the fraternity, and at all seasons of the year are available for table and house decorations and for ceremonial use. Their symbolism is incorporated in the ritual.

The holly tree, also eloquent of the scarlet and olive, was adopted by the 1908 convention as the fraternity tree. Its symbolism is expressed in two poems written respectively by Florence Fall, Beta and by Lucy Loane, Delta. These were published in the January issues of *The Lyre* for 1909 and 1911. Since a tree cannot be adapted to decorative schemes, and since holly is not indigenous to all sections of the country, the significance has been lost, and today no chapter incorporates it in its social or fraternity activities.

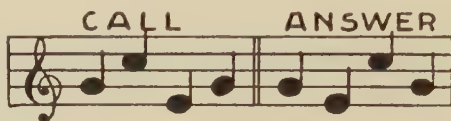
MOTTO

At a meeting held May 24, 1887, Alpha Chapter selected the open motto of the fraternity, as suggested by Mary Jones. It was "Ye daughters of Music come up higher." Later it became advisable to consider a motto which would be representative of all the members not simply the music students. The motto had become very dear within the fraternity, so it was thought best to retain its sense in so far as possible. In 1909 Alta Allen Loud suggested the wording "Together let us seek the Heights," which was accepted by the fraternity at large.

When the fraternity was founded the meaning of the name Alpha Chi Omega was considered to be the secret motto. At several conventions the selection of a separate motto was discussed, but not until 1908 was one chosen. Florence Reed Haseltine, Zeta, suggested it, and it met with immediate approval by the convention. This motto, as well as the original significance of the name was incorporated in the new ritual which was written two years later.

WHISTLE

The national whistle of the fraternity was officially recorded for the first time on May 24, 1887, when a motion was passed that it be inserted in the constitution. This whistle which has summoned Alpha Chi Omegas for half a century is as follows:



The convention of 1894 adopted a uniform cheer, which was revised two years later. Both this and the musical cheer which was adopted by the 1896 convention were popular features of Alpha Chi Omega gatherings for some time. With the ever increasing number of songs which the fraternity has acquired, the cheers have gradually been allowed to die out, and for more than a decade have not been used by any chapter.

HERA HEAD



HERA HEAD

When the fraternity was twenty-five years old, it occurred to Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, who was at the time Grand Vice-President, that some token of appreciation should be given to those officers who loyally devoted their time and energy to the interests of Alpha Chi Omega. With Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Zeta, the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Kent worked over the idea, and they finally accepted a design which the 1910 convention accepted. They chose a gold pin to represent the head of the fraternity's Patron Goddess, Hera. This tiny golden emblem became the honor pin of the fraternity. It is presented to those councillors who have served a full

term of office, as well as to certain others whom the National Council has agreed should be so honored. Fifty women have received the award in the quarter century which has elapsed since it was adopted; twelve of these served the fraternity long before the pin was ever considered. To the Founders the 1919 convention voted the honor, and in 1922 all past Presidents who had not already received it were given the Hera Head. The first awards were made in 1911, to Alta Allen Loud, Mary Jones Tennant, Florence Reed Haseltine, Frank Busey Soule and Mabel Harriet Siller.

The Hera Head is the highest honor that the fraternity can bestow. Those who have received it may well be called fraternity leaders, for all have contributed in full measure to the growth and progress of Alpha Chi Omega.



HERA HEAD WEARERS

Top row, left to right: Ethel Mead Van Auken, Alta Allen Loud, Lou Babcock. Bottom row: Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Minerva Osborn Donald, Evangeline Bridge Stevenson. Pictures of Fay Barnaby Kent, Frank Busey Soule, Mary Jones Tennant, Edith Manchester Griffin, Florence Reed Haseltine, Lois Smith Crann, Winifred Van Buskirk Newby, and Charlotte Weber Seiple are missing.



HERA HEAD WEARERS

*Top row, left to right: Kate Calkins Drake, Mildred Blacklidge, Mabel Siller Nafis.
Center: Florence Armstrong. Bottom: Theodora Maltbie Collins, Verna Hyder Boyles,
Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish.*



HERA HEAD WEARERS

First row, top to bottom: Helen Hardie Grant, Maude Staiger Steiner, Myra Jones, Mary Emma Griffith Marshall. Second row: Bessie Grooms Keenan, Nella Ramsdell Fall, Gladys Livingston Graff. Third row: Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Myrta McKean Dennis, Anna Allen Smith, Esther Barney Wilson.



HERA HEAD WEARERS

Top row, left to right: Janette Allen Cushman, Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Birdean Motter Staveley. Second row: Frances Whitmore White, Mary Janet Wilson, Gretchen O'Donnell Cook. Bottom row: Raeburn Cowger Obenchain, Elma Patton Wade, Mary Elizabeth Stanford.



HERA HEAD WEARERS

Top row, left to right: Gretchen Gooch Troster, Estelle Leonard, Louise Ludlum Baker. Second row: Olive Burnett Clark, Hazel Eckhart, Nelle Gamble Childe. Third row: Beatrice Herron Brown, Lillian Zimmerman, Bertha Deniston Cunningham.

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

HERA HEAD AWARDS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term of office</i>	<i>Date of award</i>
Alta Allen (Mrs. E. R. Loud)	B	Secretary President	1897-98 1907-10 1912-19	1911
Anna Allen (Mrs. H. Smith)	A	Founder		1919
Janette Allen (Mrs. H. Cushman)	B	President	1891-93	1922
Florence Armstrong	M	Editor	1910-19	1919
Lou Babcock	B	Council Delegate Alumnæ Vice-Presi- dent	1927-28 1928-30	1930
Fay Barnaby (Mrs. H. M. Kent)	A	Vice-President	1909-15	1912
Esther Barney (Mrs. W. H. Wilson)	B	Treasurer	1921-24	1924
Mildred Blackledge	A	Secretary	1929-	1933
Evangeline Bridge (Mrs. W. B. Stevenson)	Z	President	1910-12	1922
Olive Burnett (Mrs. R. B. Clark)	A	Founder		1919
Frank Busey (Mrs. E. F. Soule)	I	Secretary	1909-11	1911
Kate Calkins (Mrs. R. L. (Drake)	B	President	1902-07	1922
Raeburn Cowger (Mrs. F. C. Oben-chain)	A	President	1898-1902	1922
Bertha Deniston (Mrs. S. Cunningham)	A	Founder		1919
Hazel Eckhart	Θ	Secretary-Editor	1925-29	1928
Nellie Gamble (Mrs. E. W. Childe)	A	Founder		1919
Gretchen Gootch (Mrs. O. J. Troster)	I	Treasurer Inspector	1917-19 1919-22	1922
Mary Emma Griffith (Mrs. H. C. Marshall)	A	Secretary	1915-19 1919-25	1922
Bessie Grooms (Mrs. L. C. Keenan)	A	Founder		1919
Helen Hardie (Mrs. F. C. Grant)	I	Secretary	1911-12	1912
Beatrice Herron (Mrs. I. Brown)	A	Inspector President	1922-24 1924-28	1924
Verna Hyder (Mrs. D. S. Boyles)	Ξ	Treasurer	1924-	1926
Mary Jones (Mrs. R. S. Tennant)	A	Inspector	1905-10	1911
Myra H. Jones	A	Treasurer First Vice-President	1915-17 1919-22	1919
Estelle Leonard	A	Founder		1919
Louise Ludlum (Mrs. H. Baker)	K	Inspector	1924-26	1926
Theodora Maltbie (Mrs. J. P. Collins)	P	Editor	1930-	1933
Edith Manchester (Mrs. T. J. Griffin)	Z	Editor	1900-06	1924
Myrta McKean (Mrs. R. B. Dennis)	I	Treasurer Inspector	1909-10 1910-12	1912
Ethel Mead (Mrs. G. L. Van Auken)	A	Council Delegate Inspector President	1924-26 1926-28 1928-35	1926
Birdean Motter Ely (Mrs. J. Staveley)	O	Secretary	1912-15	1915
Gretchen O'Donnell Starr (Mrs. C. W. Cook)	P	Treasurer	1919-21	1922
Gladys Olmstead (Mrs. S. D. Graff)	Z	President	1920-24	1922
Minerva Osborn (Mrs. W. G. Donald)	II	Vice-President	1930-35	1933
Elma Patton (Mrs. W. H. Wade)	A	Editor	1906-07	1922
Nella Ramsdell (Mrs. F. Fall)	B	Inspector	1915-19	1919
Florence Reed (Mrs. W. E. Haseltine)	Z	Editor	1907-10	1911
Elizabeth Rhodes (Mrs. W. H. Dal-gliesh)	AE	Council Delegate	1928-30	1935

<i>Name</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term of office</i>	<i>Date of award</i>
Thelma Ritter (Mrs. P. Wemyss-Smith)	Ψ	Counsellor	1930-35	1933
Mabel Siller (Mrs. L. F. Nafis)	Γ	Historian	1905-10	1911
Bonnidell Sisson (Mrs. N. W. Roberts)	Θ	Alumnæ Vice-President	1922-28	1924
Lois Smith (Mrs. J. H. Crann)	M	Inspector	1912-15	1915
Maude Staiger (Mrs. E. Steiner)	Θ	Second Vice-President	1915-19	1919
Mary Elizabeth Stanford	Γ	President	1893-94	1922
Winifred Van Buskirk Mount (Mrs. H. Newby)	Z	Treasurer	1910-12	1912
Myrna Van Zandt (Mrs. R. E. Bennett)	Φ	Second Vice-President	1919-26	1922
Charlotte Weber (Mrs. Seiple)	Δ	President	1894-96	1922
Frances Whitmore (Mrs. W. White)	Ξ	Council Delegate	1922-24	1924
Mary Janet Wilson	A	President	1896-98	1922
Lilliam Zimmerman	K	First Vice-President	1915-19	1919

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Following the world war the fraternity felt that some recognition should be given those members who had served their country overseas.



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The 1919 convention therefore voted that a gift of an appropriate kind be made to each of these women. A committee was appointed to determine the award, and reported in 1921 that a medal had been chosen.



SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE MEDAL

Top row, left to right: Ada Dickie Hamblen, Mabel Farrington Hahn, Elizabeth Wood Campanole, Marion Nevins MacDowell. Second row: Katherine Pickles Keenan, Alta Allen Loud, Mary Greene. Third row: Blanch Brocklebank, Lou Babcock, Harriet Moore, Mima Montgomery Nickle. Fourth row: Martha Baird Allen, Rachel Marion Jarrold, Garetta Busey.

It was in the form of a pendant, with a bas relief figure of a woman bearing a torch on one side; the fraternity coat-of-arms, and the name of the recipient under the caption "awarded for distinguished service" appeared on the other. This design was approved and the medal was struck and awarded the following year to Helen Hanna Birch, Alpha; Lou Babcock, Ada Dickie Hamblen and Mary Master Needham, Beta; Mary Bertha Greene and Juvenilia Porter, Delta; Mabel Farrington Hahn, Epsilon; Katherine Price Babcock, Martha Baird Allen, Blanche Brockelbank, Fannie Heaton South, Leslie LeBeaume Short, Mima Montgomery Nickel, Iva Josephine Rider and Elizabeth Wood Campanole, Zeta; Ola M. Wyeth, Garetta Busey, Rachel Marion Jarrold and Agnes Olsen Kirchhoff, Iota; Ruth Jones Lewis, Katherine Pickles Keenan and Harriet G. Moore, Lambda; Kathryn Schimelfenig Waterland, Mu; Marguerite McGraw, Nu; Martha Thompson, Omicron; Jessie Allard Kline and Eda Long Hoult, Pi.

The original model of the design was mounted on mahogany. A copper plate was attached, bearing the names of all who received the medal, and this was placed in the Alta Allen Loud room at Alpha's chapter house.

At the 1924 convention the original purpose of the award was broadened. Regulations were then adopted so that the medal should be awarded "for conspicuous service to the fraternity, for acts of heroism, for outstanding social, educational, economic or political service, and for achievement of permanent value in the arts, sciences or literature."

The medal has been given to six women since the original awards were made. Alta Allen Loud, Beta, received it in 1922 for her outstanding constructive service to the fraternity. It was given to Marian Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, in 1926 in recognition of her service in the cause of art by the establishment and maintenance of the colony at Peterborough, New Hampshire. The last awards were made at the 1935 convention, where each of the Founders, Bertha Deniston Cunningham, Olive Burnett Clark, Nelle Gamble Childe and Estelle Leonard received a medal struck in gold from the original model.

COUNCIL TROPHY CUP

The thirteenth national convention in 1912 established a Council trophy, to be awarded annually to the chapter showing the greatest excellence in all fraternal relations. Each chapter was graded on its scholarship, *Lyre* work, financial standing, general coöperation and

Council relations, college honors and representation in college activities, alumnæ relations, fraternity examinations, and house relations and courtesy. In 1933 the award was discontinued because it was impossible to grade the chapters on an equitable basis, and because of overlapping of the points involved. Three chapters had their names engraved upon the cup for the final award, and it was then placed in the archives of the fraternity.

LYRE CUP

Since 1910 a cup has been awarded each year to the chapter having the best *Lyre* relations. The award is based upon general coöperation and the literary merit of the contributions.

FRATERNITY AWARDS

Date	Council Trophy	Lyre Cup	<i>Epsilon</i> <i>Epsilon</i> Scholarship Cup		<i>Alta Allen</i> <i>Loud Cup</i>	<i>Eklekta</i> Prize
1909						Ruth Buffum, I
1910						Jane Harris, Θ
1911		Ξ				Myra Jones, Δ; Lucy Loane, Δ
1912		Ξ				Celia McClure, Δ
1913	O	K				Esther Joy Lawrence, Ξ
1914	A	Δ				Esther Kettredge, II
1915	Π	Z				Bess Will, P
1916	A	B	A			Isabelle Wineland, A
1917	T	Θ	A			Ruth Lange, II
1918	Z	Θ				Robin Wilkes, P
1919	I	II	Σ	K		Mildred Christensen, Ω
1920	Z	Γ				Helen Gold, Δ
1921	Ψ	Θ	II			
1922	Ξ	ΔE	Ω	M		Helen Falkner, II
1923	Δ	T	N			Edith Regan, T
1924	A	ΔE	II	Z		Ruth Hamblen, P
1925	O	Z	Ξ			
1926	AI	ΔΣ	I	AP		
1927	M	AI	Θ			
1928	M	A	Γ	AX		Charlotte McDonald, P
1929	AI	ΔΣ	I			Elaine Henderson, AK
1930	BE	AX	AO	Ξ		Helen Mulford, Δ
1931	AZ	AI	BI			Venus Frederickson, AZ
1932	AB	AK	BA			Marybeth Fyle, E
1933	BA; Ξ; E	N	BA			Harriet Hansen, BZ
1934		P	BI			Louise Schiavoni, Δ
1935		P		AΔ		Martha Lee Garrett, BF

Poetry Prize

1933	Virginia Jenkins, AΩ
1934	Laura Block, BN
1935	Dorothy Simpson, AΨ

Province Scholarship Cups

1932	AE, B, AI, Σ, BA, AK, P
1933	Δ, B, BΘ, Σ, BK, AK, AP, T
1934	H, B, AO, Σ, BK, E, BZ, BH, Φ
1935	BI, B, AO, Σ, BK, E, P, BA, AN

EKLEKTA AWARD

Each issue of *The Lyre* carries a department made up of selected articles contributed by active chapter members of the fraternity. The National Editor through a committee awards a five dollar prize for the best article which has been published each year. The first award was made in 1909. The prize winning articles form an interesting and unique interpretation of the ideas of the college world.

POETRY AWARD

In 1931 the National Council accepted the suggestion that a poetry award be offered by *The Lyre*. This annual prize of \$5.00 was made possible by Elizabeth Davis Richards, Kappa, a poet of distinction. It was given for the first time in 1933. It has helped to bring verse of real merit to *The Lyre*, and has afforded an opportunity for young authors to receive the encouragement which publication of their work gives.

EPSILON EPSILON SCHOLARSHIP CUP

The chapter making the greatest improvement in scholarship is awarded a cup every year. This was presented to the fraternity by Epsilon Epsilon, and was given for the first time in 1917. Prior to 1932 the award was made each June on the basis of the average made as of the previous February. After that, it was made in the early spring, so that the previous full year's standing could be considered. This seemed to be a more equitable arrangement, since many educational institutions issue scholastic reports only in the late fall for the previous year.

PROVINCE SCHOLARSHIP CUPS

The 1931 Council meeting authorized scholarship cups to be awarded annually to the chapter in each province making the highest general average. These were first presented at the 1932 province conventions. Whenever possible they are awarded at these gatherings, but in the intervening years, when national conventions are held, the cups are sent direct to the chapters by the Province Presidents.

ALTA ALLEN LOUD CUP

At each national convention a "stunt night" is one of the social features. Before the convention, active chapters wishing to present "skits" send their plans to the social chairman, who selects a limited number of the best. These are then put on in competition, and for the

entertainment of the other delegates and visitors. To the best one is awarded the Alta Allen Loud cup, which was presented by Mrs. Loud for the first time in 1919 to Kappa Chapter.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Before the fraternity was a year old, the policy was established of initiating outstanding women, all of whom were musicians. In 1886 Alpha initiated Julia Rivé-King, the first of these, and later took Marie Decca, Mary Howe Lavin, Maud Powell, Neally Stevens, and Fanny Bloomfield-Zeiser. Epsilon initiated Adela Verne and Ellen Beach Yaw Cannon; Zeta, Mary Cheney Beach, Teresa Careno, Helen Hopekirk, Margaret Ruthven Lang, Antoinette Szumowska Adamowski, and Marion Nevins Mac Dowell; and Theta, Adele Aus der Ohe. Mrs. Mac Dowell was the last to be initiated, in 1916. Three years later the practice of taking honorary members was discontinued, constitutionally, to conform with standards established by the National Panhellenic Congress. Alpha Chi Omega's honorary members have ever been loyal initiates, and have contributed much to the fraternity.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA MEMBERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA AND MORTAR BOARD

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Alpha	Harriet Lessig Wann Mayme Winans Bernita Burns Beatrice Herron Brown Nelda Weathers Lucile Riley Reed Mary Mutschler Lily Kent Gladys Amerine Crook Agnes Warriner Helgesson Mary Louise Loop Simms Lorinda Cottingham Howell Mary Beyer Moffett Mildred Small Mary Ellen Armstrong Charlotte Colwell Florence Guild Lucille Rhoads	Mary Mutschler Lily Kent Guild Floy Winks Delancey Gladys Amerine Crook Helen Niblack Hayward Mary Slipher Mutschler Mary Elizabeth Plummer Ellen Saxon Palin Helena Wheeler Dorothy Peterson Marian Smith Hay Mildred Small Jean Clapp Isabel Burns Russell Frances Wingerd Mahoney
Beta (Note 1) (Note 2)	Zoe Barbara Brown Alma Carmichael Dorothy Lockwood Way Gertrude Pratt	Alma Carmichael Marian Clark Grace Gardner Margaret O'Conner

NOTE 1. There is no chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on this campus. Those listed are members of the local scholastic honor society.

NOTE 2. There is no chapter of Mortar Board on this campus. Those listed are members of the senior honor society which is the local counterpart.

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Beta (<i>continued</i>)	Esther Richards Josephine Richards Johnson Katharine Rood Lyday Ethel Rood Margaret Sleight Edmunds Norma Sleight Mary Stewart Brown Lucretia Tucker Florence Hembdt	Alice Randall Martha Shiveley Lucretia Tucker Dorothy Lockwood Way Margaret Steidle Weiss Louise Varty
Gamma	Ruth Orndoff Adelaide Nyden Hill Martha Curfman Donna Finger	Ruth Orndoff Eleanor Bell Arterton Virginia Cleaveland Louise Lennox Betty McGuigan Faith Reichelt Smith
Delta (Note 2)	Gladys Brunner Rannow Mary Dorworth Phillips Mildred Hazen Elizabeth Hendershot Helen Hopkins Sara Althea Hunt Coral Frances McMillan Jessie Merchant Reynolds Harriette Frances Pitt Margaret Titus Miller Nellie Elizabeth Titus Clara Wheeling Fishel Ruth Wilson Taft Harriet Titus	Ednae Bruggeman Ruth Bowden Jane Dasher Martha Demmler Dorothy Demmler Louise Fink Louise Gardner Dorothy Holsinger Lucile Mackanic Mary Manley Jean Sebring Jane Stover Pauline Thornton
Epsilon	Hazel Wilkinson Otto Maxine Russell Gwendolyn Patton Harriet Louise Touton Margaret Bryant Phyllis Norton	Peggy Lavering Myra Jane McClung Harriet Louise Touton Phyllis Norton Rosita Hopps Nordwall Helen Green Nichel
Zeta (Note 1)	Gladys Pitcher Edith Rice Berle Leone Reynolds Brown Marian Alice Warfield Youngker Eleanor Riblet Melba Smith Schmidt Katharine Sier Eleanor Anne MacLeod Elizabeth Frances Lewis Harriet Curtis Flower Ruth Culbertson	
Eta	No corresponding societies on the Bucknell campus	
Theta	Persis Goeschel Jane Harris Crane Beatrice Stanton Margaret Reynolds	Laura Feige Margaret Reynolds Josephine Randall Thekla Roese Hodgson

*Chapter**Phi Beta Kappa**Mortar Board*Theta (*continued*)

Ruth Butler
 Irene Russell Rogers
 Josephine Randall
 Mary Louise Alexander Riker
 Marguerite Clark Miller
 Ruth Mills Goodrich
 Thekla Roese Hodgson
 Louise Graham Orrick
 Helen Middleswart Whitaker
 Mary Beeman Bloom
 Genevieve Fluell Henning
 Cletus Fagan Mathas
 Lois Parks Turner
 Marjorie Vivian
 Mary Parnell
 Virginia Tice Guernsey

Helen Ramsey Fifield
 Cynthia Smith Reade
 Ivalita Glascock
 Vinselle Bartlett

Iota

Elizabeth Dunn Prins
 Maud Marks McLane
 Erna Goldschmidt
 Betty Dennison
 Ruth Waddell Ganns
 Charlotte Wainwright
 Helen Mulford
 Betty Hatton

Gretchen Gootch Troster
 Mona Storm Brown
 Frances Marks Uncapher
 Mary Ann Boyd
 Laura Weilepp
 Erna Goldschmidt
 Maud Marks McLane
 Florence Lindahl Cooling
 Dorothy Hunt
 Dorothy Wiles Grieser
 Dorothy Grant
 June Parsons
 Barbara Harris
 Eleanor Irland

Kappa

Helen Gude
 Louise Hudson Schultz
 Ella Jones
 Mildred Mell
 Alice Peterson Cade
 Elizabeth Rowell Marquis
 Marjorie Simpson Turner
 Helen Twenhofel
 Marion Withey Engelke

Elizabeth Gaik Green
 Elizabeth Rood Lambert
 Merle Shaw McGowan
 Caroline Ruth Morris
 Sidney Oehler Wolcott
 Helen Cronin Wright

Lambda
(Note 2)

Nellie Minnott
 Dorothy Oakely Macomber
 Josephine Meek
 Mary Oakely Dawson
 Lucille Hunt Carter
 Bernice Woese Stohrer

Nellie Minnott
 Jessie Lansing Chase
 Helen Cunningham
 Ruth Harlow Osborne
 Ina Weyrauch
 Grace Young Elliott
 Ruth Hutchins
 Millie Stebbins Holmes
 Greta Gyer Hughes
 Bessie Jones Henley
 Ruth Deavor
 Bernice Taylor
 Margery Weyrauch Smith
 Ruth Hoople
 Dora Rutland
 Marion Angel

*Chapter**Phi Beta Kappa**Mortar Board**Lambda (continued)*

Agnes Allchin Hanson
 Dorothy Oakley Macomber
 Josephine Meek
 Faythe Santway Nunemaker
 Edith Nash Rose
 Julia Sargent Cambell
 Betty Briggs Hoadley
 Margaret Young Campbell
 Caroline Edwards
 Ruth Wood Benfield
 Margaret Tanner
 Jane Seiter
 Ruth Layton
 Louise Schiavoni
 Margaret Ella Heim

Mu

(Note 1)

(Note 2)

E. Vera Armstrong
 Florence Armstrong
 Vivian Custer
 Lois Jo Delk
 Alice Mills Grooms
 Ruth Jackson
 Lillian Mills Knappel
 Marguerite Peterson
 Mildred Price
 Mary Jane Rowe
 Irene Harvey Weeks
 Marjorie Wilson
 Margery Bishop Young
 Mary Shaw Kuypers
 Lida Tennant Parkins
 Florence Reed
 Grace Van Vlock Tupper

Minnie Murphy Cochran
 Glee Holverstott Murray
 Jessie Shannon Howell
 Bess Downard Parsons
 Mildred Mott Pickard
 Rose Tennant MacFadon
 Ruth Fryer Boggess
 Eva Cable Rowley
 Thelma Talbott Sprague
 Grace Hanson Augustine
 Myrtle Tennant Smith
 Pauline Terpstra Spencer
 Marie Robins Giddens
 Mildred Terpstra Griffin
 Dorothy Young

Nu

Mary Fonda Adams
 Betty Adams Conour
 Jean Huff
 Irene Hall Curtis
 Leila Hinkley
 Dorothy Duhon
 Margaret Walrod McKean
 Alsie Lea Herrick
 Leora P. Ridgeway

Mattie Bell Dowd
 Dorothy Overdorf
 Thelma McKelvey
 Virginia Harrell Bonner
 Edith Stanisfield Savery
 Rugeon White Peters
 Wilma Martin

Xi

Mary Catherine Albin
 Jean Alden
 Coralie Meyer Alexander
 Beulah Jennings Ankeny
 Doris Arnold
 Marjorie Bodwell Cochran
 Helen Minor Farrar
 Luella Gettys
 Helen Pfister Hale
 Nina York Harshman
 Mary Brownell Helm
 Grace Lufkin
 Hannah McCorkindale
 Ivy Nation

Jean Alden
 Jane Axtell
 Arelene Bors
 Verna Hyder Boyles
 Margaret Dunlap Caldwell
 Ethel Sloan Corbett
 Helen Minor Farrar
 Jean Holtz Finney
 Fae Breese Finter
 Vivian Fleetwood
 Flora Boyles Ganz
 Kathryn Douglas Gerber
 Marie Cusack Gowdy
 Mary Brownell Helm

*Chapter*Xi (*continued*)*Phi Beta Kappa*

Anna Luckey Paul
 Ruth Pilling
 Grace Stuff
 Marjorie Ann Stuff
 Louise Brownell Trow
 Beth Wilson
 Genevieve Clark Woods

Mortar Board

Martha Hershey
 Helen Holtz Hale
 Geraldine Fleming Keyes
 Gwendolyn Hager Kroeger
 Hannah McCorkindale
 Margaret Hager McVicker
 Florence Malone Mason
 Marion Kastle Milliken
 Marial Flynn O'Melia
 Grace Stuff
 Louise Brownell Trow
 Marion Whitmore Webster
 Clara Wilson
 Genevieve Clark Woods
 Ruth Turner Lyons

Omicron
 (Note 1)

Loula Boicourt Oechsli
 Evelyn Gould Odom
 Lucille Kelly Woods
 Cora Ault Cover
 Aletha Kelly Kenoyer
 Beatrice Fast Ransom
 Sarah Anderson
 Lucile Prince Bass
 Elizabeth James
 Kathleen Neale Holmes
 Lillian Case
 Kathleen Clinton Evans
 Edith Miller Tufts
 Mary Spurlock
 Audree Hargett Hooper
 Mildred Hunt Riddle
 Dorothy Traylor
 Ellen Brockett Spencer
 Catherine Whitmore
 Margaret Spencer Brown
 Elizabeth Ebright
 Geraldine Porterfield

Pi

Corena Daugherty
 Elizabeth Fox Quibell
 Mary Gaines Hamilton
 Ruth Gaines Franken
 Corinne Hellier
 Doris McEntyre
 Ruth Lange Naus
 Alma Smith Chambers

Elizabeth Denbigh Woll
 Jean McCallum Floyd
 Margaret Sturrock Weigle
 Elizabeth Jongeneel
 Barbara Lynch Chichizola
 Corrine Hellier
 Eleanor Lathrop

Rho

Hazel Johnson Sherrick
 Ruth Tewinkel Suppes
 Ruth Tadlock Howe
 Grace Kettenring Hurlbut
 Florintine Faubert Connolly
 Kathryn Sensenig Binkley
 Dorothy Draper Clark
 Eloise Mills
 Gertrude Neidergesaess Brice
 Eloise Johnson

Ruth Tewinkel Suppes
 Ruth Tadlock Howe
 Helen Kendler
 Charlotte MacDonald
 Florence Marriott
 Ruth Hamblen Scott
 Ellen Waters
 Beryl Smith Gridley
 Betty Berryman Willett
 Arlee Anderson McBeath

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Rho (continued)		Miriam Gardner Horner Ethelyn Becket Margaret Hall
Sigma	Ina Sherrebeck Bess Martin Lois Hockstetler Fourt Bernadine Wendell Sarff Alberta Leytze Manz Norrine Vincent Lawrence Alice Wakefield Elizabeth Evans Bjork Mary Riggs Mildred Bartels Lockwood Margaret Anderson Clarisse Kreig Betty Larson Bessie Day Virginia Maxson Alice Murphy Evelyn Benda Isabell Crawford Dorothy Schaffter	Marie Bateman Brainerd Janet Royal Kroeger Bess Martin Gladys Kirk Henningsen Ruth Gunderson Van de Steig Naomi Gunderson Katherine Dignan Dorothea Paule Koenig Marian Brierly Grant Agnella Gunn Jeanne Wolfe Manning Bernadine Wendell Sarff Alice Rogers Dorothy Gillis Mildred Bartels Lockwood Betty Larson Ernestine Davidson Margaret Anderson Virginia Maxson Evelyn Benda Frances Fourt
Tau	No corresponding societies on the Brenau campus	
Upsilon	Helen Regen Sleeter Josephine Higman	Helen Regan Sleeter Helen Parkinson Helen Richardson Dorothy Davis Edith Regan Christensen Josephine Higman Una Brown Marian Pease Danver
Phi	Ina Bonney Leah Brown Al Freda Broadbeck Adelaide Dick Imes Elizabeth Dunkel Josephine Jaqua Lila Lawson Geraldine Lutes Josephine MacLeod Blocker Harriet Sherwood Mary Sparkes Hansley Elizabeth Tenney Irene Teubner Marianna Dunkel Ward	Virginia Arnold Ball Ella Bainum Hovey Elizabeth Dunkel Mariana Dunkel Ward Grace Gaskill Williams Josephine Jaqua Martha Lawrence Lila Lawson Anna Lester Wylie Dorothy Luxton Elizabeth Tenney Ethel Aldrich Brownlee Mayme Wilson Havenhill
Chi (Note 1)	Irene Ahern Lingle Irene Brye Carl Margaret Cartwright Wetherford Alberta Cavendar Morrow	Hazel Hopkins Olsen Wilma Leach Betty MacMillen Richardson Dorothy Crawford Rapp Billie Cupper

*Chapter**Phi Beta Kappa**Mortar Board**Chi (continued)*

Florence Gradon Ragan
 Marion Gunn Herzog
 Bernice Haines Powell
 Lucille Helmer Powell
 Hazel Hopkins Olsen
 Ruth Kennedy Tartar
 Grace Kinnison Gillette
 Wilma Leach
 Nadine Milhollen
 Camille Mills Biggerstaff
 Marjorie Niles Rasmussen
 Edna Readon Sisson
 Katherine Redfield
 Elynore Sweeney Wheeler
 Catherine Davis Young
 Katherine Strome Gibson

Nadine Milhollen
 Vera Weber
 Alberta Hynes

Psi

Peggy Maguire
 Dola Pacy Blackwood
 Mary Inzer Davis
 Mildred Finley Hayes
 Grace Coker Ferrell
 Lois Maple Perry
 Elizabeth Smith Hansen

Antoinette Halko
 Jennie Goodsen Cannon
 Fannie Bell Norris
 Peggy Maguire
 Dola Pacy Blackwood

*Omega**(Note 1)*

Emma Abbott Ridgway
 Ireen Setzer Curtis

Imogene Setzer Hokanson
 Mary Setzer Barton
 Lucille Mauntain Youngman
 Georgia Whitford Marsh
 Dorothy Worth Chiltenden
 Dorothy Frost
 Ruth Bronson
 Kathleen Coffman
 Margaret Misselhorn
 Catherine McIntyre McClintock
 Marian Blanchard Hickey
 Virginia Gilleland Lombard
 Edna Daw Thompson
 Georgia Whitford Marsh

Alpha Beta

Virginia Kelly
 Mildred Letz
 Martha Jane Bolt
 Lois Jane Bryant
 Ruth Lindemann
 Margaret Roberts McCullough
 Hilda Kreft
 Jane Thomas Simpson
 Marietta Stallard Kettlehut
 Mary Sullivan Wilcox

*Alpha Gamma**(Note 1)**(Note 2)*

Vera Kiech Farrell
 Fern Reeves
 Ruth Scott Barton
 Jean McGillivray Ruoff
 Helen Markl
 Ruth Bigler

Ruth Scott Barton
 Alice Palmer Cappock
 Jean McGillivray Ruoff
 Ruth Bigler
 Jean Wiley

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Alpha Gamma (continued)	Gertrude Warner Jean Wiley	
Alpha Delta	Nancy Ballard Jane Bertenshaw Mary Peyton Ballard Estelle Benton Irwin Selma Fisher Hose Kathryn Lindner Lehrer Christine Hoshaw Drach Aline Hesterberg Melba Phillips Ruth Wasmer Rebka Else Schulze Inez Tracy Rhoda Stuebing Zerbo	Mary Elizabeth Davies Martha Davies Grace Fels Ruth Walker Jean Bruckner
Alpha Epsilon	Mary Carter Grace Patterson Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish	Laura Bee Spilka Helen Cheyney Bailey Margaret Frankeberger Beulah McGorvin Rose Scharfe Cornman Helena Riggs Elizabeth Parsons Claire Miller Johnson Grace Haspel Rodebaugh Helen Stevens Dorothy Yockel Joslyn Helen MacCardle Crease Ruth Karl Weiman Mary Carter Alta Grant Theodora Ninesteel Elizabeth Hammersley Oldack Vivian Smith Mildred Sachsenmaier Smyser Elizabeth Mitchell Ruth Roeder
Alpha Zeta	Hazel Farmer Helen Cullen Thomy Marjorie Harris Dorothy Collins Beryl Hanselmeier Dorothy Herr Jean Lebens Heinrich	Joy Feary Mary Bartlett Edna Crusius Weber Eleanor Lewald Bahle Beryl Henselmeier Freda Crusius Ethel Ellersiek Louise Butler Fietsam
Alpha Eta (Note 1) (Note 2)	Eleanore Harcher McFarlane Dorothy Hobson Helen Shaw Briggie	Elsa Svehla Maxine Hall Doris Morgan
Alpha Iota	Olive Eddy Lucas Lois Burbank Lamson Faith Baldwin Claire Currier Frances Dimich Ruth Jones	Edith Ladd Armstrong Marjorie Fifield Twichell Allene Bertholf Hill Jeanette Hays Strong Lucy Morgan Marion Baldwin Tryon

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Alpha Iota (continued)	Alice Miller Schmidt Florence McKenzie Vosburgh Dorothy Dailey Ruth Westin Dorothy Nash Davis Ethel Bishop Ruth Reynolds Joyce Young Lois Robinson Trombly	Dorothy Dailey Elizabeth Clark Florence McKenzie Vosburgh Dorothy Nash Davis Lillian Mount Gladys La Flamme Leah Gowan Madeline Weymouth Ainsboro Helen Mount Susan France Doris Harbour
Alpha Kappa	Mary Turner Carlisle Henrietta Hansen Leisy Freda Goodrich Cowling Norma Wilson Bullivant Maurine Buchanan Carruthers Elizabeth Karpenstein Marion Sten Cole Katherine Karpenstein Kathryn Langenberg Colin Willmadene Richolsen Mynard Hope Shelley Miller Katherine Morse Alice Southwick Richmond	Margaret Jackson Mary Turner Carlisle Annabel Denn Freda Goodrich Cowling Norma Wilson Bullivant Marion Sten Cole Kathryn Langenberg Colin Bess Templeton Florence McNerney Aimee Sten Crissey Ellen Sersanous Fraundorf Virginia Hartje Elizabeth Bendstrup Maurine Buchanan Carruthers
Alpha Lambda	Laura Hughes	Margaret Slocumb Frutchey Mary Wright Andrews Laura Hughes
Alpha Mu	Edna Brown Sanders Sydney Colescott Alice Biermann Stone Jane Padgett McCoy Martha Wright Rebecca Whittington Constance Frick Marietta Sicer Miller Barbara Dodson Krah	Julia Weghorst Darling Alice Biermann Stone Marion Linkmeyer Janet Johnston David Rebecca Whittington Marthalou Gray
Alpha Nu	Martha Gilliam Marian Keller Mary Kathryn Sears Esther Traber	Martha Gilliam Marian Keller Mary Kathryn Sears Esther Traber Helen Lewis Katherine Johnston Florence Dillard Gorgens Florence Meisner Agnes Thumser Rutledge Marie Brown
Alpha Xi		Helen Chaffin Johnson Vivian Lewis Kimball Rhea Traver McFarlane Frances Ullman Jeanette Duncan Madge McRae

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Alpha Xi (continued)		Ruth MacFarlane Helen Badger Williams
Alpha Omicron	Ruth Keys Deichman Hazel Pope Howland	
Alpha Pi	Darleen Zollner Mary Hetherington	Alfa Gotaas Olson Mary Hetherington Charlotte Logan Anne Uglam Margaret Olson Margaret Cooley
Alpha Rho		Norma Geddes Greene Dorothy Frederickson Dorothy Rouse McMillin Lois Thompson Joan Harris Ellen Jack Teresa Connaughton Shawver Frances Wheeler Ruth Kehrner Frances Wimer Maude Carland Esther Kennedy Ryan Blanch Boyer Minas
Alpha Sigma	Juvia Couch Helen Halpenny Dorothy Ball Julia Chaine Rogers Adel�ne Offinger Emma Strawn Marjorie Hawk	Florence Richards Beth Baker
Alpha Tau (Note 1) (Note 2)	Elvira Dillon Hinckley Salome Colby Dorothy Pray Dunn Ruth Finn Dorothy Jones Dorothy Nason Vickery Jeanne Hills Barbara Barnaby Gloria Wilcox Virginia Hixon Elizabeth Bauer Craig Eleanor Pray Simpson Erma Andrews Ervilla Stoddard Marian Cheney Gertrude Nye	Winnifred Soderlund Virginia McCrellis Abbiati Marjorie Allyn Oakes Gertrude Nye Elizabeth Bauer Craig Marjorie Dahlberg Wilkins Muriel Andrews Pauline Nerbonne Nancy Meehan Elliott Natalie Ames Prentice Barbara Barnaby Ruth H. Johnson Edith Baldwin
Alpha Upsilon	Mary Cecile Ions Edith Cole Tompkins Marie Wright	Hilda Carpenter Harris Ruth Knudsen Clio Lucas Hulbert Catherine Purser Elizabeth Robertson

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Alpha Phi

Llerena Friend
 Lucille Bridgers
 Mary Sue Collins

Etelka Schmidt Lynn

Alpha Chi
 (Note 1)
 (Note 2)

Evelyn Bentley
 Julia Bretzman Shields
 Rosemary Bretzman York
 Virginia Curtis McNutt
 Helen Johnston
 Gretchen Kemp
 Dorothy Lambert Otto

Evelyn Bentley
 Virginia Curtis McNutt
 Mozelle Ehnes
 Constance Glover Stanley
 Marjorie Lytle
 Mary Cecile Nease
 Florence Renn
 Irma Roller Walker
 Mary Helen Karnes
 Kathryn Tressel
 Dorothy Kniseley

Alpha Psi
 (Note 2)

Maxine Olsen
 Betsy Ashburn
 Isla Detter
 Dorothy Powell

Alpha Omega
 (Note 2)

Helen Albert
 Emma Ayres
 Kathryn Carmichael
 Christine Cheney
 Zora Dobson Guy
 Teresa Drumheller
 Frances Gassman
 Caroline McCabe
 Margaret Peterson
 Zemina Singleton Pellicer
 Clara Warren

Beta Gamma
 (Note 1)

Willie Andrews Bond

Josephine Oxley
 Louise Anderson
 Bessie Currow
 Lucia Morgan Nesom
 Anna Beale Golsan

Beta Delta

Kathleen Alsop
 Virginia Shawen Weaver
 Catherine Carter Zaharov
 Laura Colvin
 Margaret Howie
 Reva Payne Johnson
 Margaret Johnson
 Georgia Belle Bennett
 Ann Shawen
 Louise Lang
 Francis Beckerle

Kathleen Alsop
 Laura Colvin
 DeEtte Jones Mitchell
 Jean Upsall
 Georgia Belle Bennett
 Ann Shawen
 Virginia Romm
 Louise Lang
 Bettina Sargeant
 Dorothy Dunlap

Beta Epsilon
 (Note 1)

Donna Werback
 Irene Chapin
 Mary Louise Goodman
 Dorothy Troth
 Marian Allerton

Beatrice Comstock
 Elizabeth Gillis Bigelow

Beta Zeta

Hilda Gaylord
 Eleanor Dunlap Morrill

Selma Tontz Kelly
 Arlene Howard

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Mortar Board</i>
Beta Zeta (continued)	Evelyn Klink Selma Tontz Kelly Aileen Livingston Shearer Dorothy Johnson Wilma Johnson Wilma Wasser Edna Mae Miller Helen Lanier Emily Menefee Gibbons	Marjorie Nelson Dorothy Johnson Edna Mae Miller Juanita Custer Helen Wheeler
Beta Eta (Note 1)	Thelma Shad Frances Paxon Edwards Marie Register Alice Zachary Elizabeth Ambrose Emily Carlton Evelyn Covington Elizabeth Tunis Mary Alice Cosper Elizabeth Gillies	Thelma Shad Elizabeth Gillies Jane Leuders Carolina De Montigne
Beta Theta	Anna Marie Perchbacker Ruth Lewis Kingsbury Annette Heller Margaret Cairncross Anita Cast	Anna Marie Perschbacker Emogene Perschbacher Starling Tobias Marcella Buesing Anita Cast Helen Cornell
Beta Iota	The University of Toronto has	no such honorary organizations
Beta Kappa (Note 1)	Alice Harris Bernice Barker Marion Maxwell Elizabeth Dolan Norma Sureson Louise Rhode	Bessie Bell Frances Pearson Ruth Malloy Bessie Kennedy Marian Maxwell Elizabeth Dolan Margaret Dolan Louise Rhode Catherine Maloney Norma Sureson
Beta Lambda	Madeline Westbrook	Alice Gallagher
Beta Mu	There are no corresponding societies on the Pennsylvania State campus	
Beta Nu (Note 1)	Marcella Nebeker Lorraine Larson	
Beta Xi (Note 1) (Note 2)	Thelma Fogelberg Thelma Johnson Nettie Boden Lund Phebe Nebeker Peterson Hazel Sowards Caroline McAlister Hendricks Ruth Roskelley	Edna Hatch Baker Lydia Jennings Helen Johnson Thelma Johnson Ethelyn Larsen Hazel Sowards Ruby Stringham Edith Smith

Traditions and Ceremonies

FRATERNITIES, grounded as they are in Greek tradition, today are almost the sole remaining forces in this country which endeavor to conserve the Grecian heritage of perfection, harmony, and balanced development of mind, body and soul. Grecian influence goes far deeper than the mere name and outward symbolism of a fraternity. Stress placed upon pure beauty, in itself the criterion of artistic judgment, be it in art, music, or literature, emmenates from the early Greeks who were its standard bearers. Alpha Chi Omega has endeavored to preserve this ideal and to make it a part of the life of every member, that her formal education, so far removed from classical influence in this scientific age, may be supplemented and enhanced by an appreciation of human needs, beauty of living and artistic development.

Purely Grecian is the ritual of the fraternity, in its temple music, its robes, its equipment and its classical mysteries. Essentially Greek is the badge, the lyre, which was the chief musical instrument of the early Hellenes. Symbolism, which includes the triangle and its meaning together with the number 3 is Greek in origin. In songs, the names of publications, and the *Symphony* Alpha Chi Omega carries into the daily lives of its members reminders of the early classic tradition.

One day each year is dedicated to Hera, the fraternity's patron goddess. This celebration, involving contributions to the welfare of those less fortunate is discussed in detail in connection with the fraternity's altruistic work. In symbol it carries out the underlying idea of the *Heraea* or spring festival of Ancient Greece.

Hera was chosen in 1910 as the fraternity's patron. According to the ancient myths, she was the daughter of Chronus and Rhea. She was brought up, however, not by her parents, but by Oceanus and Tethys, in the remote west beyond the sea. Here, without the knowledge of her parents, she was wedded to Zeus. To their marriage were traced all the blessings of nature. At this glorious event, Earth decked herself in her fairest hues; the crocuses blossomed, the hyacinths burst forth and as a wedding gift, Earth sent up a tree laden with golden apples. The cuckoo, harbinger of spring, sounded his note, and thereafter became

sacred to the goddess. By this holy marriage wedlock was forever sanctified. It was not only as the moon-goddess, but above all as the ideal wife and mother, guardian and aid of women that Hera was worshipped. The priestesses of her temple were matrons of high rank; and such importance did they attain that at one period the years were named for the priestesses then ministering.

Hera was the most queenly of all the goddesses. Homer calls her "ox-eyed," and Hesoid "golden-sandalled and golden-throned." Glorious beyond compare was her presence when she drove forth in her golden-wheeled chariot. As "Queen of Heaven" she shared in the honors of Zeus. Like him she could wield the thunder and the lightning. Like him, too, her temper was violent, and she was frequently jealous and quarrelsome. But the character in which she was generally viewed was as queen of heaven, the faithful wife of Zeus, claiming the highest conceivable respect and honor.

As their marriage took place in the spring, an annual festival was held at that season in her honor. This was celebrated primarily that women might honor her as their ideal, the embodiment of all womanly virtues. "Processions of maids and matrons, robed in white, bearing the peacock feathers sacred to Hera, wound in impressive splendor through the cities to the temples of Hera, driving with them flocks of milk-white lambs for sacrifice. Only the whitest of animals were deemed worthy of sacrifice to a Heavenly deity." At her principal festival a figure of the goddess decked in bridal array was placed on a couch of willow branches, garlanded with flowers, and a ceremony in imitation of a wedding took place.

Hera's chief attendants were Iris and the Hours. Iris, the goddess of the rainbow was her messenger. She was represented as a beautiful virgin, clad in bright colored garments, and with bright-hued wings. Like Hermes, she carries the caduceus, and travels with the speed of the wind. The farmer, believing that she charged the clouds with rain welcomed her bow in the sky, and gladly honored it. The *Horae* (hours) goddesses of the season, Eunomia (wise legislation), Dike (justice), and Eirene (peace) watched over the fields and the changes of the weather. They were light joyous maidens, crowned with fruit and flowers, and fond of dancing. Annual festivals were held for them, and at banquets, the first cup of wine was offered them. They are often represented holding the lyre, or some other musical instrument.

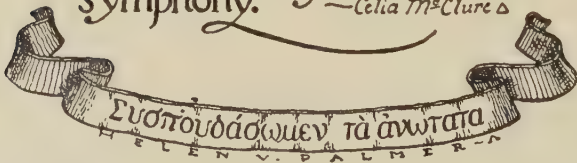
The many statues in honor of Hera serve to show that the ancients

had an exalted conception of the Queen of Heaven, the "Goddess of the Heights" as she was known in some sections of Greece. She stands



MY SYMPHONY

To see beauty even in the common things of life, to shed the light of love and friendship round me; to keep my life in tune with the world that I shall make no discords in the harmony of life; to strike on the lyre of the universe only the notes of happiness, of joy, of peace; to appreciate every little service rendered; to see and appreciate all that is noble in another, be her badge what it may, and to let my lyre send forth the chords of love, unselfishness, sincerity. This is to be my symphony. —Celia M^{rs} Clure Δ



at the head of the family of gods as a mother—the guardian of marriage and of conjugal fidelity. Purity and loyalty were what she loved most to see. She was the most worthy of all the goddesses.

The tradition of harmony is exemplified in the lyric symbol of the fraternity, and is incorporated in the "Symphony" written by Celia McClure, Delta. This was adopted in 1914, and has been widely distributed throughout the new fraternity. In many chapters it has become customary to present new initiates with a framed copy as an initiation gift.

Basically, music served as the fraternity's oldest tradition. The large collection of songs are without exception written to original music and serve as a beautiful unifying force throughout the fifty-eight active and ninety-one alumnæ groups.

Founders' Day has been celebrated in all chapters since it was officially recognized as a fraternity holiday in 1908. Before that time it was almost universally celebrated as were individual chapter anniversaries. The 1908 convention, however, gave the observance national sanction and ruled that ribbons be worn then, and to celebrate the installation of new chapters.

A number of functions of the biennial national conventions have become traditions. Earliest of these is the musicale, which dates from 1891. Usually the first night of the convention is devoted to this enjoyment of the musical gifts which are so widely distributed among members of the organization. Alpha Chi Omega was the first fraternity to publish a convention daily newspaper, issued first in 1915. A chapter reunion dinner, followed by a "stunt" night is another custom held dear by those who attend these gatherings. The dinner of the "Olympians," those who have attended four conventions is another interesting custom. Each convention is closed formally by a banquet with its inspirational toast program, the culmination of the fraternity's week of national conclave.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S OLYMPIANS IN 1935

Alpha

*Anna Allen Smith
Mildred Blacklidge
Olive Burnett Clark
Maryellen Clark
Raeburn Cowger Obenchain
Bertha Deniston Cunningham
Icy Frost Bridge
Grace Guller
Beatrice Herron Brown

* *Deceased.*

Estelle Leonard
Maude Meserve Stoner
Elma Patton Wade

Beta

*Alta Allen Loud
Janette Allen Cushman
Lou Babcock
Esther Barney Wilson
Ethel Calkins Jones
Kate Calkins Drake

Dorothy Cushman Fess
 Jessie Cushman Smith
 Ada Dickie Hamblen
 Edna Newcomer Toncray
 Nella Ramsdell Fall
 Ora Woodworth
 Jennie Worthington

Gamma

Martha Yule Bennett
 Hedwig Brenneman Heller
 *Theodora Chaffee Allen
 El Fleda Coleman Jackson
 *Cordelia Hanson
 Beulah Hough Mitchell
 Florence Harris Kuhl
 Florence Kelley Baskerville
 Myrta McKean Dennis
 Theodora Mitchell McLaughlin
 Lillian Siller Wycoff
 Mabel Siller Nafis
 Rachel Williams

Delta

Fay Barnaby Kent
 *Florence Harper
 Anna Nelson
 Lillian Nelson
 Edith Steffener
 Etta Mae Tinker Barr

Zeta

Laura Howe
 *Estelle McFarlane Dunkle
 Gladys Livingston Graff
 Evangeline Bridge Stevenson

Eta

Reba Mackenthun
 Nina Grace Smith

Theta

Virginia Fisk Green
 Maud Staiger Steiner

Iota

Gretchen Gooch Troster
 Frances Marks Uncapher
 Maud Marks McLane

Kappa

Louise Hudson Schulz
 Ann Kieckhefer
 Meta Kieckhefer
 Louise Ludlum Baker
 Helen Murray
 Lillian Zimmerman

Lambda

*Mary Emma Griffith Marshall
 Ethel Mead Van Auken
 Dorothy Moffat Frazier

Nu

Helen Johnson Jeurink

Xi

Verna Hyder Boyles
 Marion Whitmore Webster

Omicron

Bonnidell Sisson Roberts

Pi

Minerva Osborn Donald
 Mildred Lantz Masser

Rho

Hazel Learned Sherrick
 Theodora Maltbie Collins

Tau

Willie Kate Travis Rieser
 Addie Weltch Crosby

Upsilon

Mary Ozment

Phi

Ella Bainum Hovey
 Myrna Van Zandt Bennett

Psi

Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith

Alpha Delta

Inez Tracy Stenger

Alpha Epsilon

Elizabeth Rhodes Dalgliesh

Certain policies have grown up, which are emphasized by the National Council, and which all chapters are instructed to follow. They are as follows:

1. Alpha Chi Omega aims to attain high ranking scholarship; urges participation in campus activities, requiring each member to be active in two.
2. Chapters are reminded that the pledge period is for adjustment in scholarship and adaptation to the groups but is not a disciplinary period. Avoid rules or customs that are unkind, undignified, or humiliating.
3. Infringement of the social conventions, such as conduct unbecoming a member of the fraternity, intoxication, indiscreet conduct with men, and dishonesty may be sufficient cause for expulsion.
4. All active members are expected to attend all chapter meetings. Seniors are not excused during the latter part of the senior year.
5. Excuses from chapter meetings are granted for no other reasons than illness, absence from the city, a recognized college activity, or actual employment.
6. Badges are not to be draped for deceased members, but it is recommended that a suitable chapter memorial service be held instead.
7. The fraternity disapproves of married girls, members of the chapter, living in the chapter house.
8. Individuals are particularly urged to participate in the religious life of the community while in college.
9. Inter-chapter raffles and inter-chapter sales of any sort are disapproved.
10. Hera Day is a day of *personal* service to the happiness and well-being of others.
11. It is recommended that each girl living in a chapter house of the fraternity carry personal property insurance. Further that each chapter house and its furnishings be fully insured.
12. There is to be no insignia on the exterior of our chapter houses except the crest or the three Greek letters.
13. No chapter houses are to be occupied by members during vacation periods or summer months without a resident chaperon.
14. Transfer pledges cannot be repledged without information from the original chapter and the approval of the Province President.
15. Before pledging a girl from an institution where Alpha Chi Omega has an established chapter, approval from the chapter must be secured.
16. Rushing assistance and coorganizers are sent to various chapters as a need arises; their duties and authorities are defined by the National Council.
17. N.P.C. interpretation of expired and broken pledges: "If a pledged girl fails to make her grades or fulfill requirements for initiation within one calendar year, her pledge *expires at the end of that year* and she is then eligible for repledging to any fraternity. If, however, her pledge is released at any time prior to the expiration date of her pledge, she is then *not* eligible for pledging any other fraternity group *until one calendar year* from the day on which her pledge was released.

Alpha Chi Omega was the first fraternity to establish two traditions which have proved vital to the welfare of the chapters. In 1907, alumnæ

advisers were appointed for the first time, and the following year each chapter was required to elect one. At the present time, these fifty-eight women are chosen by the National Counsellor upon nomination from the chapters. They form a group to which no national honor or prestige is attached, but who faithfully serve the chapters, and who act as the link which binds together the individual chapters with the national organization.

In 1908 scholarship requirements were emphasized for the first time. Reports were required from each chapter annually, which were filed with the National Inspector. From these a fair picture of the chapters' standards could be gained. Five years later a most important measure was adopted. Alpha Chi Omega was the first fraternity to put into effect a scholarship requirement with deferred initiation. This has decidedly raised the standard of the fraternity's intellectual achievements, and has brought about a much more co-operative attitude towards fraternities on the part of university authorities.



HELEN CHEYNEY
BAILEY
National Ritualist

Activity participation as a requirement was introduced in 1911, when each member was made possible for participation in at least two campus activities.

Alpha Chi Omega is proud of the fact that her initiated transfers are welcomed by any chapter. Immediate affiliation is a constitutional requirement, if a girl is in good standing when she goes from one campus to another. Membership in Alpha Chi Omega is membership in a national not a local organization.

Most familiar to the majority of members of the fraternity are the pledging, initiation, and chapter meeting ceremonies, since these are most frequently used. However, there are many others which are loved by those who have had opportunity to take part in them. A kinship is produced by ritual that is inherent in no other phase of fraternity life. All who have participated in the same ceremonies seem to be drawn together by a common bond regardless of chapter, background, age or position. To those who are ritualistic by nature, the recurring ceremonials are a never failing source of inspiration. Few changes have been made in the original forms. Some re-wording has been done by the

national ritualist, a position created in 1922. This officer has also contributed several new ceremonies to the fraternity's collection, as has seemed in keeping with growing needs.

PLEDGING

Since the founding of Alpha Chi Omega the active chapters have used a uniform pledging ceremony. In 1891 a new one was adopted which was used until 1912. The revisions which were then made produced the form which is used today. The only changes which have been made are extremely minor ones, introduced for the sake of clarity and greater ease of delivery. In this ceremony the pledge pin is presented by the chapter president, and upperclassmen are appointed to act as guides or *mystagogues* for the new pledges.

In 1920 a special service was written by Mary Emma Griffith, Lambda, for use in the installation of new chapters. It incorporates the essential features of the more usual form, but is modified so as to apply to undergraduates and alumnæ alike. Its final revision was completed in 1929 by Helen Cheyney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon.

A simple ceremony for re-pledging girls whose period of probation has expired was adopted by the Council in 1935. It also was written by Miss Bailey.

INITIATION

The initiation ritual is the most beautiful and significant of the ceremonies of Alpha Chi Omega. When the fraternity was first organized, initiation was in accordance with the customs then prevalent among college students. It was composed largely of "stunts" and a "courage test." In 1886 however, a solemn ritual of two degrees was devised, which was very brief, but which served the fraternity with slight revision in 1894 for almost twenty-five years. During this period the mock initiation was retained, but was followed by the serious ceremony, and topped off with an elaborate banquet, long toasts, and music. The early ritual was incorporated in the constitution, which had therefore to be kept secret. It was not until the Meadville convention in 1904 that the two were separated.

In 1908 the National President, Alta Allen Loud, Beta, appointed a committee to devise a new and more adequate ritual. Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, and Virginia Fisk Green, Theta, who were all living in New York at the time were asked to do the work. They met one day each week for more than a year. Mrs. Kent

did most of the research on the music, adapting to the needs of the fraternity rare old Greek hymns which she was able to obtain from the Astor library. The whole committee collaborated on the words which were written to suit the spirit of the music. Mrs. Fall and Mrs. Green wrote the ceremony. The committee designed regalia and other equipment for use with the ceremony they had written, so that there might be no anachronisms. The beautifully coherent whole testifies to the careful, patient and inspired labor that these three women put into it.

The ritual in use today is essentially unchanged. There has been some minor rewording, and the equipment has been improved and completed. Model initiations have been performed at all national conventions since 1910 when the ceremony was adopted. In order further to obtain uniformity, model ceremonies are held whenever a chapter is inspected.

This same ritual is used for the installation of new chapters. Members of the National Council, assisted by delegates from nearby chapters perform the work. Since 1928, it has become customary for the National President to act as the chief installing officer.

AFFILIATION

Whenever an undergraduate member of the fraternity transfers from her own chapter to another, she is immediately received as an active member of the group. This is constitutionally required, unless both the girl and the chapter are excused by the executive committee of the National Council. A brief ceremony of welcome has been in use ever since 1891, in which the girl pledges coöperation to her new chapter and in turn receives the chapter's assurance of support.

CHAPTER MEETING

The forms in use by all chapters for their meetings originated in 1891. They were revised in 1912, retaining much of the original purpose and thought. They include ceremonies for opening and closing meetings, and a form for the installation of newly elected officers, which was adopted in 1887.

INSTALLATION FOR ALUMNÆ GROUPS

A brief ceremony for installing alumnæ clubs was prepared in 1924 by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron. It may be conducted by any officer or her delegate.

An alumnæ group which has maintained its organization as a club for one year may be installed as a chapter. The ceremony is conducted by a Council member or a Province President. The first such ceremony was written by Virginia Fisk Green, Theta, and used for the installation of Theta Theta. The present ceremony was written by Helen Cheyney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon, and adopted in 1929 by the National Council.

GRADUATE DEGREE

The pledging and initiation ritual constitute the first three degrees of membership in Alpha Chi Omega. A fourth degree is given to graduating seniors by the nearest alumnæ group. It was prepared by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, in 1924.

ALUMNÆ WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A ceremony for welcoming new members into alumnæ organizations was authorized in 1919. It does not have very wide use, for most of the alumnæ groups feel that a more simple and less formal welcome is preferable. The ceremony was prepared by Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, in 1924.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

In 1919 Alpha Chapter was asked by the National Council to prepare a burial service which would be simple and dignified. Mary Emma Griffith, Lambda, worked with the chapter to this end, with the result that the next year she recommended that a memorial service be substituted. A formal and impressive candle service was written by Doris E. McEntyre, Pi, and presented for the first time at the Colorado Springs convention in 1922. It was felt by many that this service was too elaborate for active chapter use, so in 1928 the national ritualist was asked to prepare a new one. Helen Cheyney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon, presented the new service to the 1929 Council meeting, where it was accepted. It was exemplified for the first time at the Del Monte convention, a delegate from each chapter having deceased members participating. This service is adaptable to chapter conditions, and can be presented with any degree of formality which the chapter desires.

Practical Ideals

ONE of the objects of Alpha Chi Omega as stated in the constitution is "to develop through personal effort a high moral and mental standard." This, the fraternity believes, can never be accomplished to its fullest extent unless the happiness and well-being of others is considered. Moral development implies the growth of a sense of responsibility and the desire to share the gifts which nature and economic chance have bestowed. Mental development cannot reach its finest aspect without an intelligent appreciation of the needs which oppress humanity in a highly civilized state of society. In years of economic stress these needs are intensified, and their palliative factors are neither so numerous nor so easy of access. Alpha Chi Omega feels that today as never before there is opportunity and motivation for service. For half a century the fraternity has attempted "to advance an appreciation of the allied arts among its members," and since its twenty-fifth anniversary the conviction has grown that perhaps the greatest of the arts is that of giving. Fraternity itself has, at least by implication, altruism inherent in its very meaning.

HERA DAY

Grounded as the fraternity is in the Greek ideal of friendship, steeped as it is in Greek tradition, it is not strange that some of the customs of the Hellenes have been incorporated in its ritual and usages. Just as many pagan ideas have been subtly woven into the fabric of modern life by the passing centuries, so many customs whose origins are lost in cosmic mists have become a part of the lives of members of the fraternity. Ancient Greece laid its gifts of fruit and wine on the altars of the Olympian gods; to the gods of intelligent fine living, Alpha Chi Omega dedicates her gifts on Hera Day. In olden times, at the turn of the season when winter merged into spring, white-robed maids and matrons honored Hera, the queen of the gods, the guardian of women. The great festivals which were held were pompous, ceremonious, impressive. White heifers were driven to be sacrificed in the temples; gifts of all sorts were laid in gratitude upon the altars, afterwards to be distributed to the poor of the cities. The ancient festival of the Heraea

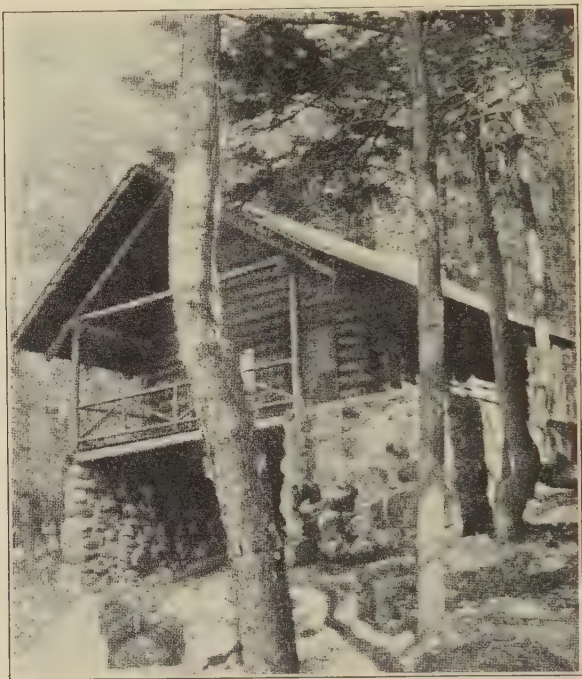
has become a part of the life of every initiate of the fraternity. On the first of March, Alpha Chi Omega lays her gifts upon the altar of her patron goddess, not in impressive processional, nor with outward display. Simply and quietly, alone or in chapter groups, the members of the fraternity devote that day to the doing of small deeds of kindness, to alleviate suffering, to bring hope to the underprivileged. Many are the modes of observance and widespread is the area over which the spirit of Hera Day hovers. Nor is the festival limited as it was in ancient times to one day in the year. Many chapters have seen fit to make their activity carry over a longer period, sponsoring Red Cross work, providing clothing throughout the year for orphans, raising money for the endowment and support of a bed in one children's hospital or furnishing a playroom in another. A maternity home in a great city has learned to look to two chapters for layettes and other supplies; children in homes for the blind in various parts of the country listen eagerly for the entertainment which comes to them year after year. Each month in one college town little orphan hearts are gladdened by visits to the movies with their big sisters of the fraternity. Flowers brighten sick rooms, music breaks the monotony of the lives of old people, magazines and books make weary hours fly by in hospitals for the crippled. The methods of spreading Hera Day cheer are so varied that only a few can be mentioned. Yet essentially all are similar, in that they mean giving. Seldom in this, Alpha Chi Omega's most cherished festival, does money play a great part; rather it is a dedication of personal talent, personal effort, to the well-being of others less fortunate.

THE MACDOWELL COLONY AND STAR STUDIO

The first national philanthropy which the fraternity sponsored lay in the field of creative art. In 1909 Alpha Chi Omega linked its faith with that of Marion Nevins MacDowell in the project which was destined to become one of the most outstanding art movements in America. The fraternity is proud to have had a small share in building the memorial to Edward MacDowell which today means emancipation for many young artists, freedom from the pressure of noise and hurry, constant interruption, nervous tension, and the consequent loss to society of inspired painting, sculpture, literature and music. For understanding of the purpose and development of the MacDowell Colony one must go back before the turn of the century.

In Peterboro, New Hampshire, lies Hillcrest, the home of Marion

Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, the widow of America's great composer. The old New England farmhouse was the scene of much of his work, but here he could not entirely achieve the isolation so essential to complete concentration. His wife conceived the idea of a retreat for her husband, a simple log cabin in which he could be free to take inspiration from the forest which was so dear to his musical soul. She designed the cabin



MACDOWELL'S LOG CABIN

secretly and supervised its erection. To this studio in the woods she one day led MacDowell, and presented it to him as a new workshop. In the hearthstone before the enormous fireplace are engraved the words "Edward and Marion, August, 1899." The forest path leading to the cabin is but a few steps from Hillcrest. From the road, one enters the marshy path through goldenrod and tall grasses under dense maple shrubs and old apple trees. Masses of fern line the pathway; boulders of mossy granite lie thick among the trees. One treads on a soft carpet of pine needles, dropped season after season from the towering trees

which send their aromatic fragrance throughout the whole forest. Soon the path becomes a narrow board walk, a rather uncertain but dry bridge which stretches from rock to log. The way is bordered by mosses and wild lilies-of-the-valley, brilliant colored fungi, and other lovely marsh plants. After rains there appear a few livid salamanders, and patches of unbelievable blue can be caught through the tangled branches overhead. The cabin juts out from a steep hillside. On the veranda facing Mt. Monadnock the composer was close to waving tree-



COLONY HALL

tops, and the melodies hidden in the rustling poplars and the swaying pines. Here he composed his greatest works.

The studio in the forest was not only the inspiration for great music but was also the beginning of an institution for the wide fostering of creative art, the MacDowell Colony. In the same spirit of loving thoughtfulness with which she built the original cabin, Mrs. MacDowell has erected since the composer's death twenty-three studios. It was MacDowell's wish to create not only music, but a haven for his fellow artistes, where they might enjoy the perfect conditions under which he himself had worked. To make this dream a reality, his friends formed the Edward MacDowell Association in 1907. In the twenty-eight years which have elapsed, the original eighty acres have been expanded to

more than seven hundred, and the first group of three buildings has been increased to forty. In addition to the gift studios, there have been added Colony Hall, the general meeting and dining place for the colonists; Colony Inn, where guests can find pleasant living quarters at reasonable rates; the Eaves and the Lodge, residences for women and men, respectively; and the Eugene Coleman Savidge Memorial Library, which houses the most important collections of Wagner and Bach in America, besides a valuable collection of general literature. Farm buildings and a saw mill complete the equipment of the plant, and serve to make the Colony practically independent.

The Colony is not a school, a summer camp, nor a vacation resort. It is distinctly a place for creative work. Only creative artists are eligible—composers, painters, sculptors, or writers. The opportunity to live and work in the Colony is offered each year to a limited number of men and women, who in the opinion of contemporary criticism have something of importance and value to contribute to art and letters, Applications must be supplemented by recommendations from at least two persons distinguished in the art which the applicant represents. Residents pay twelve dollars a week. A few fellowships are available; however, the Colony does not attempt to give everything for nothing. It is in no sense of the word a charity institution. The Colony is open from June until the end of September. There are accommodations for about twenty-five residents at a time. The usual period of a colonist's stay is two months, so that nearly fifty work at the Colony each year.

The Association is unprejudiced so far as the different arts are concerned. MacDowell was convinced that the close association of the various arts was productive of increased inspiration for all. Painters and sculptors, composers, playwrights, poets, and prose writers have received an equally warm welcome, and all have found the Colony most conducive to creative artistic expression. Steven Vincent Benét, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Willa Cather, Julia Peterkin, Elinor Wylie, Sara Teasdale, Du Bose Heyward—these are but a few of the many well-known creative workers who have found sanctuary in the Colony.

An idea of life at Peterboro, in the Colony, can best be obtained from the words of Helen Cheyney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon, who spent two summers there. "It is a place of early risers. By seven in the morning every one is stirring, wideawake and eager, for the air is crisp and pure. Before eight, breakfast is being served at tiny tables in Colony Hall, ranged about an open fireplace where pine logs add their well-timed

crackling remarks to the cheerful hum of conversation. Fragrant coffee and rich cream, mammoth berries and innumerable muffins disappear and are replaced with solicitous and boundless generosity. Within an hour the circle is broken; with sudden change of mood each of the fortunate colonists sets out quietly and alone along a path through the deep woods to his own studio. There, out of sight or hearing of anyone, he builds his fire and settles down to seven hours of uninterrupted work. He may be a writer, a composer, a painter or a sculptor. He knows that no phone bell will ring, no caller will arrive, no committee will swoop down to ask support or contribution. There will be but one break in the silence. At twelve the rattle and toot of a little truck will sound through the woods, a lunch basket will be dropped on the wide porch, and all will be still again—except for the squirrels and the bluejays who know the basket and arrive to hint for a share in the feast.

“Shortly after four it grows too dark to work, for there is no light in the studios. Besides, there are always teas to be attended in other studios. The composers’ teas are the favorites, for they mean music old and new, often very, very new. Then there is a scurry to dress for dinner, no temperamental lagging being countenanced. The stately and much loved Colony hostess sits and waits for her colonists to arrive, and lateness seems unthinkable. The dinner is excellent; many a half-starved artist has found his health and fame simultaneously because of Mrs. MacDowell’s faith in food. In the evening there may be an informal recital, a poet or a story-writer may read aloud his latest work, but usually the tired, congenial little group gathers before the great blazing fire to talk, talk, talk. By nine everyone is sleepy. Peacefully each takes his leave to nestle for a long night under welcome blankets and drop to instant slumber lulled by a nearby waterfall. He rarely dreams—but all winter long and ever after he dreams of Peterboro.”

Alpha Chi Omega’s interest in the MacDowell Colony is almost as old as the Colony itself. A member of the National Council, Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta, a former pupil of MacDowell’s, proposed to the fraternity coöperation with the Edward MacDowell Association in 1908. The next year Mrs. Kent was given charge of soliciting an Alpha Chi Omega fund for the erection of a studio at the Colony. The generous and immediate response of the chapters resulted in the erection of Star Studio, which was ready for occupancy in 1911. The fraternity permanently endowed the Studio in 1920, by a gift of \$1000 to the MacDowell Association. In 1924, the proceeds from *The Convention*

Transcript amounting to \$350 were given to the Colony's endowment fund. Additional support in the form of a fellowship of \$150 was voted by the fraternity for a two-year period in 1931. The following year the Council appropriated additional funds for repairs and improvements at the Star Studio, as it did again in 1935. A \$300 fellowship for a period of two years was given to Mrs. MacDowell at the Golden Jubilee convention.

Star Studio is in the heart of the forest. Giant pines conceal it completely from the road which passes Hillcrest a few rods distant. The



ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S STAR STUDIO

isolation and quiet are perfect. The only sounds are bird calls and the wind in the trees. The Studio has a large fireplace at one end. A heavy writing table stands beside the big north window, from which can be seen the ever-changing beauty of the dense forest, and the patterns made by the sunlight as it falls through the thicket. A screened porch was added in 1925. Mrs. MacDowell writes of the improvements: "The fraternity has added much to the comforts of the Studio, most particularly in giving us the money to install a small lavatory. One has to live in our rainy, chilly climate to realize not only the comfort but the safety of this. For the frail, delicate man or woman, and we have so many, the makeshift outdoor 'conveniences' were often a menace to health. Then

we enlarged the porch, making it possible to have a hammock hanging in it. Don't think I give too much attention to the bodies of our colonists—I know how their best work often depends on health and comfort."

In 1929 the Council authorized a bronze plaque of greeting to be placed in the Studio. Miss Bailey composed the inscription, which reads "Star Studio, dedicated to the cause of Art and to the artist's need of solitude by Alpha Chi Omega, 1911."

The MacDowell Colony is no longer an experiment. It is the actual realization of a glorious vision. Its success is due in very large measure to the untiring devotion of Mrs. MacDowell, who has made its support, direction, and development her life work. For twenty years she toured the country giving concerts to furnish funds for maintaining the Colony. Through her personal efforts the permanent endowment of the plant is now a reality. Her indomitable spirit permeates the Colony, and is a constant inspiration to the workers there. She writes of the Colony's finances: "I like to emphasize an important point. The place itself is safeguarded. We can never be sold for unpaid taxes, etc. While our endowment fund is too small to help our running expenses, the income does pay our taxes and insurance, and there is no mortgage on the place. For twenty years my earnings helped cover the yearly deficit, but I dare not do much concert work now, though I am risking going into the Middle West this autumn (1935) for this work, as we need the money so badly. I am a daring old lady!"



MARION NEVINS MACDOWELL
Zeta

To the delight of the many friends of the Colony, Mrs. MacDowell received the Annual Achievement Award offered by *Pictorial Review* in 1923. This was offered to the American woman who achieved the greatest distinction through individual effort in the field of art, industry, literature, music, the drama, education, science, or sociology. At the

Lake Louise convention in 1926 the fraternity recognized Mrs. MacDowell's contribution to the cause of art by awarding her the Alpha Chi Omega Distinguished Service Medal.

WAR WORK

No chapter of the fraternity failed to serve at the time of the country's greatest need. During the World War Alpha Chi Omegas everywhere, like their contemporaries in other fraternities, did all in their power to assist in wartime activities. Red Cross sewing, bandage making and knitting were done in all groups; entertainment for soldiers came from many a chapter, while one turned over its chapter house for government use. During the influenza epidemic in 1918 several chapters cooked and nursed in the barracks. Actives and alumnæ alike raised money for Liberty Bonds, for the Red Cross, and for other relief agencies. Clothing was made and sent to Belgium and to the Near East. From the alumnæ were drawn many workers to fill positions in their own communities and in Washington that the war machinery might go on. Twenty-nine of the fraternity's members served their country overseas.

Yet all these and other activities in which members participated were individual or chapter efforts, not in any way a part of a nationally sponsored campaign. The fraternity as a whole chose as its contribution to the welfare of humanity the adoption of more than one hundred orphaned children from the districts of the Marne and the Meuse. The Committee of the Fatherless Children of France distributed the funds which the fraternity provided. Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, then Atlantic Province President, headed the committee which the fraternity appointed in charge of this work, and from 1916 to 1921 directed the collection of funds, and assigned the children to the alumnæ and active groups. The work of caring for the orphans on the other side of the water was in the hands of local committees in every town and village, who appointed "a guardian to follow each child's course in school, to note his tastes and aptitudes, and decide with the mother on the career best suited for him. The best possible training will then be afforded the child, whatever he is to become, from a manual laborer to a professional man or an artist." A small state allowance was supplemented by the committee when necessary to enable the mother to keep the home together. The children thus were reared "with a mother's care in the little town or village where the father lived, and where there is a tradition of valor and honesty to be upheld."

Much thoughtful and helpful assistance went to the fraternity's children beyond the regular remittance of \$36.50 per year per child. The extra gifts of money, clothes, toys and other supplies varied with the personality of the group as well as with the exigencies of the postal service. The direct correspondence with the French boys and girls themselves constituted one of the happiest elements of the enterprise, and provided a means of not only holding but also of increasing the interest of the contributing members. The accompanying letter from the District of Columbia alumnae club's child seems fairly typical of the hundreds of appreciative notes received by Alpha Chi Omegas.

At the Chicago convention in 1919 the committee's exhibit of letters, pictures, and small gifts from orphans to chapters created much interest. Posters that were reproductions of drawings by the French artists Brangwyn and de Maris were displayed and postcard copies of them were distributed. Most pathetic and impressive stood out the de Maris drawing of two weary children, a burning village in the background, bearing the legend *Avez vous place dans votre coeur pour nous?* Nearly a hundred letters and communications from the

children reminded the convention that the orphaned little ones still needed help, so the work was continued for two more years until France was able to take care of her own.

ESTELLE MCFARLANE DUNKLE LOAN FUND

In 1915 the fraternity laid the foundation for a fund which was to help members of Alpha Chi Omega. Its two-fold purpose was to enable active girls to finish their college courses, and to make fraternity life possible for those who otherwise could not afford the extra expense.

Paris le 13 Novembre 19

Mrs Grace Griffith

*je viens par la présente
vous annoncer que j'ai bien reçu
votre mandat, et je ne sais com-
ment vous exprimer ma gratitude
pour la bonté que vous avez pour
moi en aidant ma grand-mère
à pouvoir m'élever. Je puis vous
assurer que je fais tout mon pos-
sible pour être digne de recevoir
vos bienfaits et pour devenir un
bon ouvrier, car je rentre en appren-
tissage dans la mécanique.*

*Recevez-llis avec mes remer-
ciement et ceux de ma grand-mère*

*l'assurance de nos meilleurs
sentiment*

Bienvenot andre

The nucleus for this scholarship fund, as it was then called, was provided by personal gifts which members of the convention contributed, by badge royalties, and by the profits of the *Convention Transcript*. Other sources of income were voted to the fund from time to time, a portion of the alumnæ note proceeds, the Honor Roll subscriptions, and the alumnæ contributions being thus designated. These were discontinued in 1933, and a portion of the new national pledge fee was diverted to the fund in compensation. In 1916 there was \$249 in the fund; in 1935, the total was \$40,000.

Applications for loans may be made by any active member of the fraternity. The committee requires from each information in re-



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DUNKLE

gard to scholastic record, fraternity and campus relations, and achievements. Each applicant must be recommended by her alumna adviser, her chapter president, her Province President, and each member of the loan committee. A maximum of \$300 is allowed any borrower, who may if necessary obtain \$150 additional a second year. Preference is given active seniors, juniors, and graduate students if approved by the National Council. The parent or guardian must guarantee payment in case the applicant should default.

In the first year of the fund's existence an interest charge of 5 per cent from the date of the loan was made. The committee and the

Council felt that this was too high, and wished to lighten the burden of the college student. However, a business-like attitude toward obligations had to be maintained, if borrowers in future years were not to suffer from the depletion of the endowment. The 1919 convention found a satisfactory solution. The applicant was permitted to choose either to pay back the loan two years after she left or finished college, the annual interest rate being 3 per cent; or to pay \$10 monthly without interest, payment beginning three months after leaving college. Very few girls elected the first alternative, and for the most part those who did failed to live up to the agreement. Therefore in 1933 the executive committee of the National Council and the loan committee decided that loans should be made only on monthly installment terms of repay-

ment. The present regulation is as follows: "The loan must be paid at the rate of \$15 (or more) regular monthly payments on each yearly note twelve months of the year, beginning three months after graduation or leaving college or university and continuing until the total amount is paid. Interest at 4 per cent per year will be charged on all loans one year or more overdue in repayment." In case the borrower becomes an unexcused delinquent the active girls of her chapter are barred from making applications for loans until her payments are brought up to date.

Since 1915, loans have been made to 359 girls. The fund constantly rotates, for there is always an applicant waiting for the installments which are repaid by some former borrower. Although the fund has grown rapidly, it has not kept pace with the applications.

The actual administration of the fund was first placed in the hands of the Alumnæ Vice-President. The officer served as chairman until 1924, when Gretchen Gooch Troster, Iota, was placed in charge. She served in this capacity until 1935 when Ethel Mead Van Auken became chairman. Mrs. Troster continued to administer the funds. When the fund was started in 1915, Estelle McFarlane Dunkle was appointed treasurer. She did the work connected with this position until her death in 1934. She corresponded with every borrower, feeling that each was personally known to her. Her undiminished faith in their integrity, her boundless patience with those who could not promptly meet their obligations, and her never-failing sympathetic understanding made her the beloved confidant of hundreds of young alumnæ whose college degrees the fund made possible. At the 1934 meeting of the National Council, the fund was given her name, in grateful tribute. It is now known as the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan Fund.



GRETCHEN GOOCH TROSTER
Loan Fund Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

The 1919 convention decided that at the conclusion of the overseas work of the fraternity, Alpha Chi Omega would undertake some form of permanent altruistic work. A project was sought which could be begun at once, which would not entail a great initial expenditure, and which would be flexible enough to permit expansion. Also it should be something which would be of permanent interest and value, and toward which active girls as well as alumnæ could work. Scholarships for children was finally chosen as the ideal work, by the committee headed by Myra H. Jones, Lambda, then National Vice-President. She made a thorough study of the operation of such scholarships in various cities, and gained assistance in perfecting plans from the United States Children's Bureau, the Henry Street Settlement in New York, the education department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Chicago, the Employment Certificate Bureau of the Chicago Board of Education, and the Vocation Bureau of the Cincinnati Public Schools.

The purpose of the scholarships is to help children whose parents cannot afford to send them to school after they become of legal working age. Through further education, frequently along vocational lines, they are enabled to become better prepared for future employment, and better able to cope with the problems of citizenship. The Children's Bureau states:

Scholarships for children are increasingly recognized as a means by which the community can give its children a fair chance. The public schools are for all children; but often children are unable to attend them because of financial pressure at home. Scholarships are the result of a common effort to give children a square deal. They make it possible to keep in school exceptionally bright children who would like to continue their education but without financial aid would have to earn their livelihood; they offer an immediate practicable plan for helping the situation described by the economist, Alfred Marshall, who points out that "A large proportion of genius is lost to society because it is born among the children of the poor where it perishes for want of opportunity."

Most children who must leave school for work at the age of fourteen, whether they are gifted or ungifted, are doomed to perform unskilled labor which offers little opportunity for development and slight prospect of increased wages. These children, already handicapped by poverty, are further handicapped by lack of training when they enter the labor world.

The scholarship experiments have shown that education through the sixteenth or eighteenth year really pays. By giving scholarships to children the community is training them to fill the better paid positions that require some skill, and is thereby raising industrial standards with benefit to the children, to industry, and to the Nation.

Miss Jones spent much time and thought in working out the plans so that they might be uniform for all groups, yet flexible enough to meet local conditions. Fifteen years of trial has occasioned very little change. In general, the work follows a simple outline. An alumnæ group selects three members, preferably a teacher, a home maker, and a social worker. This committee contacts a local high school and obtains information in regard to needy students. The child finally chosen is either an exceptionally brilliant boy or girl, or one who has some physical handicap which makes specialized training essential if he is to earn a livelihood. The child's home is visited to ascertain whether or not there is real need for help, and the parents' attitude toward the proposed scholarship. The child is then consulted as to his desire to remain in school. If all these factors prove satisfactory, he is given the scholarship which has been determined by the group, which may vary from three to six dollars a week. A member of the committee keeps in close touch with the school, and receives frequent reports on the child's work, needs and aptitude. The child himself is consulted whenever this seems desirable, and his money is sent to him in regular weekly or monthly installments.

In the first year of organization five alumnæ chapters administered scholarships, one in each province. Delta Delta began the work, soon to be followed by Alpha Alpha, Zeta Zeta, Epsilon Epsilon, and Kappa Kappa. Thus in 1921 the experiment was functioning successfully in Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, and Lincoln. At the convention in 1922 funds available for the work totaled \$1132. These had been received from voluntary alumnæ contributions, and from the sale of Christmas cards by all active and alumnæ chapters which the Council had authorized in 1920. Non-resident alumnæ membership fees were also diverted to the fund by Council action this same year. Since the scholarships were gifts, not loans, there was constant need for funds to replace the disbursements. The convention therefore took action to meet the need. From each of the new \$15 alumnæ notes, five of which were required of each initiate, \$1.00 was designated for the fund. Five dollars was set aside from each \$50 honor roll subscription which the convention voted as a means of securing an endowment fund for the fraternity. Furthermore, the recommendation of the committee was accepted, each group administering a scholarship being required to raise \$50 toward it each year. The remainder of the amount needed was to come from the national fund, with the provision that no group could receive more than \$125 a year.

At the Lake Louise convention further support for the fund was legislated. Here each alumnæ chapter agreed to pay \$50 and each club \$25 annually until 1935 to the endowment fund of the fraternity. One-fifth of the sum realized was diverted to the Scholarships for Children fund. This eliminated the necessity for money raising projects, so the Christmas card sale was abolished. Thus for eight years the fund received a steady income, until 1933, when the honor roll, alumnæ notes and alumnæ endowment contribution were all discontinued, thereby



MARY MUTCHLER

*Chairman, Scholarships for
Children*

sweeping away the sources from which the fund derived support. As compensation, \$1.00 from each newly instituted \$5.00 pledge fee was apportioned to the fund. The following year a slight change was made in the administration requirements. Each group must now raise an amount equivalent to that which it desires from the national fund, the minimum being established as \$35 for chapters and \$25 for clubs. Smaller alumnæ groups can also participate in the work if they desire, the fund equalling any amount which they can raise.

It is almost impossible to make any accurate statement as to how many children have been helped since the fraternity undertook this form of altruistic work. Some of

the scholarships have been given to the same child for two, three, or even five years. Since each administering group has been allowed almost complete freedom to carry out its own ideas, and since several of them have been able to finance their own scholarships without national help, the records do not provide a complete picture. Some idea can be gained by a rapid survey of the work, taken year by year. In 1922 the five chapters which had pioneered in the field continued their scholarships, Delta Delta taking on an additional child, and the Champaign-Urbana club beginning its work by the adoption of three little girls. The next year Beta Beta and the Salem, Oregon, club were added to the list. By the fall of 1924 sixteen scholarships were being administered by thirteen alumnæ chapters and clubs, and this situation continued until 1926, when one more group took up the work. The following year the number of scholarships increased to seventeen, only to drop back to its former

place in 1928. Twenty-two children received help in 1929, twenty-seven in 1930, and twenty-eight in 1931. The following two years marked the maximum number. The need was so great in this period of depression that the groups, although greatly handicapped financially, found it possible to help thirty-two children in 1932, and thirty-six in 1933. Since the income of the national fund was curtailed in that year, the new pledge fees not going into effect until February, 1935, the various groups had to carry most of the financial burden themselves. Therefore the number of scholarships fell off, only fourteen groups participating in the work in 1934. The report for 1935 shows renewed interest in the project, with twenty-two groups administering scholarships.

The scope of the work has changed somewhat since 1920. Originally children receiving the scholarships were secondary school pupils, both boys and girls being chosen. The tendency grew for the groups to choose girls only, and during the past few years no boys have received scholarships. Beginning in 1929 several groups were given permission to assist pledges or active members of Alpha Chi Omega, and in a number of cases permission was granted to carry a high school girl on into college work. An example of this type of scholarship is the one which Beta Beta has administered for several years. The girl chosen first received help when she was a senior in high school. Upon her graduation the chapter's scholarship chairman wrote:

She has made an excellent record in scholarship, also in personality and citizenship rating. With little in the way of background and advantages, she has made wonderful use of her opportunities. She has always been on the honor roll, with from ten to seventeen honor points when seven are required. Twenty-three of her teachers have cited her as being outstanding in leadership, character, and personality. Since she is especially talented in art, she is now trying for a scholarship in the Art School of the John Herron Art Institute here in Indianapolis. This scholarship pays only tuition, so if she wins it she will need other help in order to go to the school. For this reason we would like to continue our scholarship to her for another year at least.

Although she was not successful in winning the scholarship, Beta Beta continued to help her get courses in advanced art and university extension work. A year later the chairman said of her:

Our money has paid the rent, Barbara's school lunches and supplies. The county trustees have furnished the coal and a limited supply of groceries each week. Our members have helped Barbara with clothes. To see her you would never think she comes from a home financially distressed, where they live in two stove-heated rooms and carry in all the water used. The mother is not physically able to do any of the sort of work she could get, and there is a semi-invalid sister dependent upon her.

Barbara has won a big place in my heart because of her courtesy, her sweet lovable personality, and her eagerness to make something of herself. She is sensitive and proud. Her big ambition is to get a job so that they may be independent.

In June 1934 the chairman continued the story:

She has just won a scholarship which pays tuition to the Herron Art School for the winter term. If she does well she may win the same for another term or more. Without our help she could not take advantage of this opportunity as our weekly allowance pays for transportation, lunches, clothes, and helps on food at home.

Mary Mutschler, Alpha, chairman of the scholarship for children committee, made this statement in her annual report for June, 1935: "The splendid coopération this year seems to indicate that Alpha Chi Omega is entirely in sympathy with this form of altruistic work and that much may be hoped for it in the future."

MARY EMMA GRIFFITH MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

At Lake Louise in 1926 the national convention voted to establish a graduate fellowship. It was dedicated to the memory of Mary Emma



MARY EMMA GRIFFITH MARSHALL

Griffith Marshall, Lambda, who had long served the fraternity as Secretary-Editor. Her ten years of Council membership are a record of unparalleled efficiency, of rare devotion to the fraternity she loved, and of great accomplishment in the field of detailed organization. As National Secretary, she brought to the fraternity a new conception of how her office could best serve the fraternity's interests. She it was who pioneered when it was felt necessary to have a business center about which the fraternity could revolve. The Central Office as it exists today is a constant tribute to the executive ability, the vision, and the passion for exact detail which were part and parcel of Mrs. Marshall's many sided personality. Her editorial ability was freely recognized by her contemporaries. From the day in 1919 when she added the editing of the *Lyre* to her already multitudinous secretarial duties, she proved beyond doubt that a streak of creative literary talent was woven with her other admirable characteristics. She insisted on the highest standards for the magazine in its every department, and gave to it the same detailed attention which had long characterized her work as Secretary. Hers was unusual ability of mind, keenness of perception, and decisiveness of judgment. She gave to the fraternity unstinted time, interest, and an unparalleled example of devotion to its best interest.

LOU BABCOCK, *Chairman*

Mrs. Marshall's death in 1925 came as a sorrowful shock to the entire fraternity. The most fitting tribute which could be paid her was felt to be a permanent memorial, an encouragement for mental achievement—of which she had displayed so much. A \$5000 fund was therefore voted by the convention to provide for the fellowship which was given her name.

When the fund had grown sufficiently to warrant the first award,

a committee was appointed by the Council in 1929 to determine all details. Lou Babcock, Beta, with Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, drew up the following requirements:

The fellowship of Alpha Chi Omega to be known as the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship is to be awarded to a candidate who will pursue graduate work in any recognized university in the United States or foreign countries, or to a candidate who wishes to do extensive research work at home or abroad, or to a candidate who wishes to do creative work in any of the fine arts.

This fellowship is open to members of Alpha Chi Omega. The applicant must be a college graduate; and must have proven her ability in the field in which she wishes to continue her work. The acceptance of the fellowship implies the obligation on the part of the fellow to devote herself exclusively to the work outlined in her application; to submit to the chairman any proposed change; and to send reports of her work at stated intervals. The committee interprets the acceptance of the fellowship as a contract between the applicant and the fraternity. The committee reserves the right to withhold granting the fellowship if no suitable candidate presents herself.



LOIS BURBANK



MARION BODWELL

The fellowship is \$500, payable in two installments of \$250 each on September 1 and February 1. It is awarded biennially.

The fellowship was given for the first time in 1930 to Lois May

Burbank, Alpha Iota, a member of the faculty of the University of Vermont. The following year she spent studying in the Paris Atelier of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art. The second award in 1932 went to Marcia Clapp, Alpha Chi, a young sculptor. She spent the year at the Tiffany Foundation, Oyster Bay, Long Island, studying and preparing a "one man" exhibit of portraiture.

Not until 1935 was the third award made, it being held over for a year in order that the fraternity's fiftieth birthday might the more fittingly be celebrated. Marion Bodwell, Beta Iota, was given the fellowship to enable her to spend a year in residence at the University of Pennsylvania, completing the research necessary for her doctorate thesis in English.



MARCIA CLAPP

National Legislation

ALPHA CHI OMEGA conventions have provided the means by which the fraternity has been able to progress, ever since Alpha chapter sent its first delegates, Mary Janet Wilson and Anne Cowperthwaite, to Albion to hold an informal conference with Beta chapter upon important matters of mutual fraternity interest. This paved the way for the first national convention in the fall of that year, 1891, when the fraternity family consisted of three chapters. As the conventions are studied from that time down to the 1935 assembly of 58 active and 39 *alumnæ* chapters, with its strict parliamentary procedure and efficient legislation, the realization deepens that were it not for the character, the loyalty, and the true womanliness of the early members of Alpha Chi Omega, the larger and later development of the fraternity would have been impossible. Therefore attention is focused upon all of the conventions in the history of the fraternity, with the perception that the same enthusiasm, devotion, hard work, and ability have characterized each one, and have been as potential factors in determining the present success of the fraternity, as they will be in moulding its future.

As the administration has become more complex with an ever-lengthening chapter roll, vastly increased membership, and widening *alumnæ* organization, by far the greater part of the legislative work has come to be handled by the National Council. The fraternity at large early saw the need of concentrating its government in the hands of a small group. This proved to be a wise move, since most of the progressive legislation which has characterized the growth of Alpha Chi Omega has had its inception in this Council. A picture of the chronological development of the fraternity can best be gained by a survey of the essential work of the national conventions and Council meetings. Province gatherings, while having no legislative power, have served to draw together the chapters of the same geographical locale, and have become a clearing house for chapter problems. Experimental at first, they have proved their worth and have become an integral part of the fraternity organization in the past decade. As such, they are briefly discussed at the close of this chapter.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1891
Greencastle, Indiana

Alpha chapter fittingly acted as hostess for the first national convention, October 20-23, 1891. The homes of Anna Allen Smith and Ethel Sutherlin were thrown open to the business sessions which were conducted by Anne Cowperthwaite. Delegates from Alpha, Beta and Gamma were present. The business of the first convention concerned the perfecting of fraternity organization and much of importance was accomplished.

Alpha was chosen as Grand Chapter and according to the usual method of fraternity government at that time, final decisions were made by her between conventions. The chapter by which each national office should be held was first selected and the incumbent for the office then chosen, Janette Allen serving as the first general President.

The ritual was ordered written in a separate book from the constitution and other less secret ceremonies. A pledging ceremony was formulated; signs and symbols were discussed; a salutation to the chair was decided upon; and, in accordance with the custom of the period, a "courage test" was adopted.

The subject of extension was an important theme for consideration. The fields considered included the great women's colleges of the East into which no national fraternities have entered and probably never will enter, and also those in which Alpha Chi Omega placed chapters at a much later date. Wellesley, Ohio Wesleyan, and Syracuse University were tentative propositions. The deliberations of the early conventions were full of caution, so that, while chapters were not established where they might have been, only one was established prematurely.

The question of publications which seldom concerns so youthful a fraternity was taken up seriously. A magazine was planned for, to be published by Beta as soon as there were six chapters. A songbook was provided for by the effective method of requiring from each chapter four songs set to music (one to be sacred) to be completed "before the close of spring term." After discussion nut cake was chosen as the official fraternity cake.

The social features of the convention included an informal party at the home of Mary Janet Wilson, and a musicale given under the direction of Dean Howe. The convention was also entertained at some of the fraternity halls, but the records are indefinite as to details.

SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1893

Albion, Michigan

The second national convention was held in Albion, Michigan, February 22-24, 1893. Beta's fraternity hall on the top floor of the Administration building was the meeting place. It was arranged that each chapter should send to convention a delegate and a grand officer, the expenses to be met as far as possible from the national treasury.

The constitution and initiation ceremonies were carefully reviewed with suggestions for improvements. The chair authorized Mayme Jennings, Alpha, Mary Stanford, Gamma, and Lulu Keller, Beta, to make up forms for the resignation and expulsion of members. In case of the death of a member, mourning was to be worn for two weeks by her chapter.

Extension was discussed with reference to one of the western state universities and several large eastern colleges. It was decided to "place chapters in conservatories of good musical standing as well as literary" centers, and to send two delegates to Ann Arbor to establish a chapter if possible.

Gamma chapter was appointed to publish the first edition of an Alpha Chi Omega songbook in pamphlet form.

The first pledge pin, "a very small lyre stick pin with white enamel chapter head on it," was authorized.

Matters of varying interest were discussed such as the frequency of conventions, representation at the World's Fair in Chicago, Mary Stanford and El Fleda Coleman being instructed to make plans therefore; and appointment of a committee to write an account of Alpha Chi Omega for *Baird's Fraternity Record* and for the *World's Almanac*. A pleasant interfraternity courtesy is briefly recorded thus: "A piano lamp, the gift of Delta Tau Delta's Epsilon to Beta was found in the hall."

The social features were a musicale at the home of Janette Allen to which the faculty, the fraternity, and other friends were invited, and a banquet at the Albion House. The convention was also entertained informally by Delta Tau Delta in their fraternity hall.

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1894

Evanston, Illinois

Evanston, Illinois, was the scene of the third national convention, February 28 to March 3, 1894, Gamma chapter being hostess. Mary Stanford, Gamma, presided.

Beta became in rotation the Grand Chapter.

The suggestion that the treasurer remain in the same chapter as long as possible was offered with the intention of giving the finances a settled basis for growth. The motion carried that "the present Treasurer, Ella Strong, Gamma, keep her office."

Special discussion was devoted to the initiation and installation ceremonies, and the system of membership card files was introduced whereby personal record of individual members could be maintained.

The new price set for charters granted was \$20. Discussions of desirable fields for extension resulted in the elimination of many colleges because of the fraternity's insistence on good music courses as well as opportunities for study in liberal arts. A letter from Los Angeles was read and discussed regarding a chapter at the University of Southern California.

Alpha was authorized to edit a fraternity journal and Gamma announced the publication of the new songbook.

The social features were an informal gathering at the home of Miss Stanford, and a reception and musicale at the home of Miss Young.

FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1896

Meadville, Pennsylvania

Delta chapter in Meadville, Pennsylvania, was hostess for the fourth national convention, April 8-10, 1896. The delegates convened in the fraternity room and the business sessions were presided over by Margaret Barber, Delta, chairman and recorded by Lulu Johns, Epsilon.

Epsilon and Zeta had been installed and were represented in the convention and given their share of responsibilities in the organization. A motion was made that "Alpha be Grand Chapter always." It was moved and carried that "a list of subjects to be discussed at convention be sent from each chapter to the General Secretary and that she send a list to the different delegates before they leave their chapters that they may fully know the desires of their chapters."

The non-musical cheer was improved, and in addition a new musical cheer formulated by Gertrude Rennyson, Zeta, was adopted.

The convention laid plans for installing chapters in different parts of the country. This work was left to individual chapters to carry forward in the absence of a central governing body. It is not surprising, therefore, that the really excellent plans often miscarried.

The minutes of this fourth convention show "Beta in favor of having a journal published periodically." Since the journal was again

insisted upon, the convention took up the matter of financing a magazine to be called *The Lyre*. Alpha was given authority to continue the work of publication and to decide upon the cover design and form. The burden of the work was wisely shared by all the chapters, a committee being "appointed in each chapter to take charge of journal work, both financial and literary." Gamma chapter was also ordered to publish the second edition of the songbook.

The matter of fraternity jewelry was investigated in all its details. A design for social stationery was chosen and a monogram was adopted "consisting of the Greek letters in center at top of page." The desire to substitute the broader term *fraternity* for *sorority* in designating the organization was for a time thwarted.

The social features were a reception and musicale, a reception at the home of Mrs. Walter Harper, receptions by Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma in their fraternity rooms, and a banquet at the Commercial Hotel.

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1897
Greencastle, Indiana

The delegates to the fifth national convention were the guests of Alpha chapter in Greencastle, Indiana, March 30 to April 2, 1897. This time the sessions were conducted in Alpha's fraternity hall, and Mary Janet Wilson, President, took the chair with Janette Allen Cushman as substitute.

Business-like arrangements were made regarding payment of national dues three times a year: receipts by the Grand Treasurer, who should henceforth hold office for two years, were authorized. *The Lyre* was financially strengthened by making all active members subscribe.

The legislation was reversed which had temporarily allowed the entering of a conservatory of "good musical standing." Henceforth, as originally, chapters should be established only in institutions where a good college and a good conservatory were connected.

The fifth convention voted that "at least three jewels be required in the setting of the pin," exception being made "in the case of Deaconesses who desire plain pins." Three official jewelers were selected, and Alpha was appointed to copyright the badge. The convention placed the task of selecting a secret motto in the hands of Beta.

At this time the word *sorority* in the Constitution was changed to *fraternity* as it had originally appeared. Delta received orders to make

arrangements for a register of Alpha Chi Omega to be placed at Chautauqua.

The social features were a Lorelei Club concert, a musicale, a reception in Ladies' Hall, reception by Kappa Alpha Theta, and a banquet at Mount Meridian "Halfway House," reached via a straw ride.

SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1898

Albion, Michigan

The sixth national convention was held at Beta chapter's lodge in Albion, December 1-3, 1898, delegates being present from all the chapters except Eta. The sessions were presided over by Ada Dickie who substituted for Mary Janet Wilson, National President.

A motion was passed that conventions be held "every two years." A most important decision was made that "the grand officers compose the Grand Council and be the governing body of the fraternity." The Council was to consist of "Grand President, Grand Vice-President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Editor of *The Lyre*, and delegates from chapter with whom the next convention is to be held." But a later motion passed "that there be no chapter delegate in Grand Council."

Hitherto every member had been furnished with a copy of the Constitution. It was now ordered that "each chapter have a typewritten copy of the Constitution and By-Laws which shall be read once every term." Mock initiation and courage tests, if used, were ordered held on different nights from the formal initiation ceremony.

The sentiment toward honorary membership which in the early days was an accepted custom in fraternity circles, had been very conservative, and at this convention crystallized into legislation that Alpha Chi Omega "have honorary members of national repute only." Each chapter, it was decided, might have patronesses, who were "not to wear the pin or to have the privileges of the chapter." Associate members were also permitted.

Constructive measures were passed for the welfare of the fraternity magazine. The convention legislated that each chapter should elect an associate editor, these to compose the editorial board of *The Lyre*; alumnae and exchange editors were to be elected from the chapter in charge of the publication. The motion carried that all future Alpha Chi Omegas be compelled to take *The Lyre* and all members be earnestly urged to subscribe.

The chair appointed Beta chapter to define the significance of the

badge, subject to the Grand Council. Again the question of nomenclature for a woman's fraternity arose and "it was decided that each chapter be allowed to call itself either *fraternity* or *sorority*."

The social features of the convention were a reception at the home of Miss Baum, a reception by Delta Gamma in its lodge, a musicale, a tea given by Kappa Alpha Theta, and a banquet in the chapter lodge.

SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1900

Boston, Massachusetts

December 6-9, 1900, was the time appointed for the assembling of the seventh national convention with Zeta chapter in Boston. Spicie Belle South, Zeta, took the chair in the absence of Raeburn Cowger, Alpha, National President.

It was authorized that two-thirds of the expenses to the convention of the Grand President and Grand Treasurer be paid by the Grand Treasurer. She was also ordered to pay off the debt of *The Lyre*.

A forerunner of *The Heraeum* was introduced when the order was issued that "a private bulletin, discussing matters that cannot be published in *The Lyre* be started by Alpha circulating through all the chapters." *Lyre* legislation consisted of fixing the subscription price of the magazine at \$1.00 per year, and arranging that "there be a paid Editor, the remuneration to be decided by the convention." A complete register of all members was ordered to be kept by Alpha.

J. F. Newman presented a diamond-shaped pledge pin for consideration, and it was accepted as the authorized style.

The social features were a concert followed by supper in Zeta's hall, a musical reception and dance by the Sinfonia Society, and a banquet in the chapter hall.

EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1902

Evanston, Illinois

Since Theta and Iota had too recently been established to be prepared for the entertainment of a convention, Gamma was privileged to act as hostess again, October 29 to November 1, 1902, at Evanston, Illinois. Raeburn Cowger conducted the business sessions which were held in the University Guild rooms in Lunt Library. Mabel Harriet Siller was the Recording Secretary.

Momentous changes were made at this convention. The Grand Council was ordered to meet in the years alternating with convention

as well as with that assembly. The office of Historian was created and a subscription editor was added to *The Lyre* staff.

Important reports of committees and officers were incorporated for the first time in the minutes. Thus the present method followed in *The Heraeum* was antedated. Examination questions for pledges were adopted and an annual fraternity examination for active members was provided. The questions were to be sent to the chapters by the Grand Council and the answers were to be submitted to it. Reports of the examination grades were to be published in *The Lyre*. It was provided that the Grand Council issue a certificate of membership signed by the President and Secretary and by the local President and Secretary, each member to pay for her own card. An annual report from each chapter was required upon a uniform blank provided by the Council. The most significant step was taken when the important decision was made that Alpha Chi Omega should call herself a musical-literary fraternity, and that both musical and literary members be required to have full freshman standing before they should be eligible to membership.

A move toward the systematizing of extension work was the appointment of a "committee on new chapters." In the future, alumnæ as well as active chapters were to be chartered and conducted under a definite organization.

The finances of the national treasury were now in a sufficiently prosperous condition to warrant the contribution of a fixed sum annually toward the running expenses of *The Lyre*. A new edition of the songbook was ordered published.

The first meeting of the Intersorority Conference had occurred five months before, but through a mistake Alpha Chi Omega had not been represented. The date of the second session was set for the following May (1903). The fraternity elected Mabel Siller, Gamma, as its delegate.

The social features were receptions by Kappa Alpha Theta and by Kappa Kappa Gamma, a musicale, a dance at the Evanston Boat Club, an orchestra concert, a Halloween supper at the home of Grace Richardson, a reception by Gamma Phi Beta and a banquet.

FIRST GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1903

The first Grand Council meeting, which was the beginning of steady development in Alpha Chi Omega was held in Albion, Michigan, August 25-28, 1903. The principal matters under deliberation during

the session at the home of Kate Calkins, were the revision of the Constitution and ritual; representation in and attitude toward the Intersorority Conference; improvements in *The Lyre*; alumnæ chapters; extension; and the surrendering of the Eta charter.

The following officers were in attendance: Kate Calkins, President; Edith Roddy (for Alta Moyer) Secretary; Laura Howe, Treasurer; Raeburn Cowger, Historian; Edith Manchester, Editor of *The Lyre*; Mary Perine, Assistant Editor; Mabel Harriet Siller, Intersorority Conference Delegate.

An informal gathering at the home of Kate Calkins, a dinner at Beta Lodge, and a trolley ride with dinner at Battle Creek furnished opportunity for relaxation.

SECOND GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1904

The second Grand Council meeting was an informal one immediately preceding the Meadville convention, November 1, 1904. The principal matters discussed pertained to constitutional and ritualistic rulings, and to business of the convention.

The President, Kate Calkins; Secretary, Bertha Sackett; and Treasurer, Laura Howe were present.

NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1904 *Meadville, Pennsylvania*

On November 2-4, 1904, Delta entertained the convention for the second time.

Another office in the Grand Council was created, that of Inspector. The chief duties of the incumbent were to visit each chapter once in two years, and to act as official delegate to the Intersorority Conference. Arrangements were made for delegates to represent the alumnæ chapters at conventions, each chapter receiving one vote.

The convention appointed the Grand Council as a committee to revise the Bond, Constitution, and ritual. It was decided that the Constitution should be public and the ritual secret. As a precautionary measure, identification blanks were adopted for those who desired to procure badges.

The motions carried that the \$10 annual fee for alumnæ chapters and expenses of delegates to convention be paid. It was voted that "active chapters send in subscriptions to *The Lyre* from alumnæ members amounting in number to one-fourth the alumnæ of the chapter."

A representative was appointed who should interview Baird in regard to an account of Alpha Chi Omega in the new edition of *American College Fraternities*.

The social features were a reception given by President and Mrs. Crawford at their home, a musicale, receptions given by Dr. and Mrs. Flood, Miss Harper, and two fraternities; and the banquet at Saegertown Inn.

THIRD GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1905

The Grand Council met for a second time in Albion, Michigan, September 11-13, 1905, with Beta chapter as hostess. At this time the Council considered such matters as a card index system for the directory of members, extension, the reestablishment of Epsilon chapter, charters for alumnæ chapters, and the Intersorority Conference. It was here that Elma Patton Wade was appointed to succeed Edith Manchester Griffin as Editor of *The Lyre*.

The officers who attended were: Kate Calkins, President; Marcia Clark, Secretary; Laura Howe, Treasurer; Mabel Harriet Siller, Historian; Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector and Intersorority Delegate.

The social features were a progressive checker party at the home of Lina Baum, a dinner at Beta Lodge, and a trolley ride to Battle Creek with dinner at Post Tavern.

FOURTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1906

The fourth Grand Council meeting assembled in Greencastle, Indiana, October 31, 1906, immediately preceding the convention. The minutes of these meetings which were held at the home of Anna Allen Smith record important decisions concerning forms of petitions for charters, financial matters, constitutional changes, and charter forms, aside from the usual routine work.

The officers in attendance were: Kate Calkins, President; Mary Jones Tennant, Vice-President and Inspector; Marcia Clark Howell, Secretary; Laura Howe, Treasurer; Elma Patton Wade, Editor of *The Lyre*; Jennie McHatton, Assistant Editor.

TENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1906

Greencastle, Indiana

Representing the nine active and two alumnæ chapters, every delegate was present at the tenth national convention, November 1-3, 1906. Alpha welcomed the visitors to her chapter house.

The work of revising the Bond, ritual, and Constitution, which had been done by the Grand Council committee was accepted. Membership requirements were stated in a constitutional article reading:

"Any person of good character having finished a course in a secondary school, who is taking a regular course in music; in fine arts or in liberal arts—(not to exceed 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of active chapter); who is carrying twelve hours of work and has had the equivalent of regular freshman music work; any person who is taking twelve hours work, three of which are in regular music courses; may be initiated into Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity."

The minimum number of chapter members was established at five.

An Assistant Editor of *The Lyre* was appointed and it was ordered that each chapter be fined \$1 a week for every week that copy was overdue.

The convention adopted a uniform die for the badge and asked the Grand Council "to look into the matter of having a crest designed for the use of the fraternity."

The report of the fifth Intersorority Conference was made by the Alpha Chi Omega delegate, Mary Jones Tennant.

The social features were a concert at Meharry Hall, a reception at the chapter house, a luncheon at the College Inn, a musicale, and the banquet at Florence Hall.

FIFTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1907

From October 31 to November 2, 1907, the fifth Grand Council met at Indianapolis, Indiana, Beta Beta chapter extending cordial hospitality. The sessions were held at the home of Lena Scott Wilde. Petition forms and scholarship reports were adopted; the requirement was made that each active chapter should elect an alumna adviser; a charter was granted to Xi chapter. The publication of a fraternity directory was authorized; the project of selecting a coat-of-arms was undertaken under the chairmanship of Alta Allen Loud; and Florence Reed Haseltine was appointed Editor of *The Lyre*.

The officers attending the Council meeting were: Alta Allen Loud, President; Marcia Clark Howell, Vice-President; Imo Baker, Secretary; Laura Howe, Treasurer; Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector; Mabel Harriet Siller, Historian; Elma Patton Wade, Editor of *The Lyre* (retiring); Florence Reed Haseltine, Editor of *The Lyre* (incoming); Jennie McHatton, Assistant Editor (retiring).

SIXTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1908

The sixth Grand Council meeting was held in Champaign, Illinois, November 24-25, 1908. At the sessions the entire Grand Chapter program was carefully considered. Special attention was paid to finances, a system of graded examinations, plans for the publication of a history of the fraternity, better equipment for the work of the Grand Officers, affiliation blanks, the Alpha Chi Omega flag, and the recent publication of the Directory.

The officers attending the meeting were: Alta Allen Loud, President; Helen Wright, Secretary; Laura Howe, Treasurer; Mabel Harriet Siller, Historian; Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector; Florence Reed Hazeltine, Editor of *The Lyre*.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1908

Champaign, Illinois

Certain legislative bodies stand out conspicuously because of unusually progressive measures adopted. The eleventh national convention was one of these for Alpha Chi Omega. The session followed the Council meeting and were held in Iota's chapter house in Champaign, Illinois, November, 26-30, 1908. They were presided over by Alta Allen Loud, Grand President, with conscientious parliamentary observance so that much of importance was covered in a short time.

Delegates from fourteen active and three alumnæ chapters were present.

New legislation encompassed the following points: Past Grand Presidents were to be allowed a vote in Grand Chapter meeting; expulsion of members was to be in the hands of the Grand Council; the Chapter House committees' recommendations for the regulation of houses were submitted to the chapters; for the first time the Grand Officers were nominated by a committee instead of from the floor.

Important improvements and additions in connection with the traditions, ceremonies and Constitution were numerous. Most noteworthy was the legislation which increased to 50 per cent the possible members not studying music nor having a *previous* musical education. Thus, constitutional action recognized the ascendancy of liberal arts over the fine arts which had from early days been evident in a majority of the chapters. It was "made a constitutional requirement for the Inspector to secure by March 1 an official report on the individual schol-

arship of each chapter and that chapter scholarship reports be secured at least each semester."

Each chapter was ordered to keep a card index directory and roll-book. The Grand Historian was instructed to prepare an *alumnæ* letter, the expense to be met by a chapter tax. A new chapter officer was created, an *alumnæ* adviser, who should be elected by each chapter to look after its interests and to conduct fraternity examinations. Convention credentials, report blanks, affiliation certificates, a system of graded fraternity examination, and a secret motto were adopted. Custodians for the badge and songbook were appointed. The holly tree was chosen as the fraternity tree. Colors were ordered to be worn on such occasions as the installation of a new chapter, initiation, Founders' Day, and the chapter anniversary.

The entire railroad expense of the Grand Council to Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings was ordered paid from the grand treasury.

Lyre reports showed excellent financial and literary conditions. It was made a constitutional requirement that any chapter failing to send a chapter letter to *The Lyre* be fined therefore; and that each active chapter send annually to the Editor the plate for the publication of a chapter group picture. The Editor was voted a salary and was given the privilege of choosing her assistants. Instead of making each chapter responsible for 25 per cent of its *alumnæ Lyre* subscriptions, the convention passed the requirement that each prospective member of Alpha Chi Omega pay upon initiation a five year subscription in advance. Provision was made for the compiling of the first edition of a history of the fraternity.

Social events were a tea at the home of Imo Baker, a reception and dance at College Hall, model initiation at the chapter house, a musicale at Morrow Hall, a tea at the home of Mrs. Kauffman, and the banquet at Beardsley Hotel.

SEVENTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1909

The seventh Grand Council assembled in Evanston, Illinois, October 27-29, 1909, with Gamma and Alpha Alpha chapters as hostesses. Among the many matters that came before the sessions, which were held at the home of Mabel Harriet Siller, were the finished report on the coat-of-arms; the chapter membership and visiting report form; the Alpha Chi Omega Studio; the authorization of model books for chap-

ters; the appointment of Mary Perine as official examiner, Ruth Buffum as Chief Alumna, Mary Vose as custodian of the songbook, and Myrta McKean Dennis as business manager of *The Lyre*. The decision was made to adopt second semester or sophomore pledging if all the other fraternities would be bound by the same agreement.

The following officers were present: Alta Allen Loud, President; Fay Barnaby Kent, Vice-President; Frank Busey Soule, Secretary; Myrta McKean Dennis, Treasurer; Mabel Harriet Siller, Historian; Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector; Florence Reed Haseltine, Editor of *The Lyre*.

EIGHTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1910

The eighth Grand Council meeting was held August 29, 1910, at Hotel Tuller, Detroit, Michigan, immediately preceding the twelfth national convention. Aside from the planning for the business of the Grand Chapter and the usual routine of committee reports, petitions from local fraternities, sophomore pledging, and a higher scholarship standard received serious consideration.

Officers who were present were: Alta Allen Loud, President; Fay Barnaby Kent, Vice-President; Frank Busey Soule, Secretary; Myrta McKean Dennis, Treasurer; Mary Jones Tennant, Inspector; Florence Reed Haseltine, Editor of *The Lyre*; Mabel Harriet Siller, Historian.

TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1910

Detroit, Michigan

The twelfth biennial convention was invited to meet with Theta chapter. Faculty legislation did not allow conventions during the college year. Accordingly, August 29 to September 2, 1910, the Grand Chapter assembled at the Hotel Tuller, in Detroit, Theta and Epsilon Epsilon acting as joint hostesses.

The success of this meeting demonstrated the advisability of summer gatherings, and the matter of arranging for the thirteenth biennial was therefore placed in the hands of an investigating committee within the Grand Council.

The most important matter was the unanimous adoption of the beautiful initiation ceremony, presented by the committee, Fay Barnaby Kent, Nella Ramsdell Fall, and Virginia Fisk Green. The fraternity was also made richer by the acquisition of Hera as patron goddess, an official flag, the revised open motto, "Together let us seek the heights," a new charter form, new membership certificates, identifica-

tion blanks for the purchase of badges, an honor pin for the past Grand officers, and instructions and model pages for chapter officers' work.

For the first time the Grand Chapter discussed the question of the establishment of a scholarship fund, to supplement the funds of the Alpha Chi Omega Studio, which was reported practically finished. The subject of extension work received its usual amount of interested attention. Only one petitioning group, Delta Nu at the University of Washington, was granted a charter. To handle this large and important subject of extension properly, and to assist the Vice-President, a committee was appointed representing the various sections of the country. It was unanimously voted to grant limited legislative power to the National Panhellenic and to go on record as favoring sophomore pledging.

Two novel social features were introduced which have grown to be convention traditions, a stunt night and a chapter reunion dinner. In addition there was a boat ride to St. Clair Flats; an automobile ride; a convention musicale; a convention dance; a trip to Ann Arbor with visits to the University and Theta chapter house, and the convention banquet.

NINTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1911

The Grand Council went into session at the home of Fay Barnaby Kent, New York City, June 27, 1911 and adjourned July 1.

All the officers were present as follows: Evangaline Bridge, President; Fay Barnaby Kent, Vice-President; Helen McQueen Hardie, Secretary; Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor of *The Lyre*; Myrta McKean Dennis, Inspector; Grace Hammond Holmes, Historian.

The Honor pin, the head of Hera in gold, was conferred upon Mrs. Loud, Mrs. Hazeltine, Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Soule, and Miss Siller in recognition of past service as grand officers. To J. F. Newman and Company was granted exclusive right to manufacture this pin.

Effort was made to protect the Alpha Chi Omega copyright of the coat-of-arms and to prevent the display of the lyre bird as an Alpha Chi Omega symbol for stationery or for decorative purposes.

The President, Editor, Secretary, and Historian were empowered to publish a secret journal, *The Heraeum*, the need for which had long been felt. The alumnæ letter, it was ordered, should be incorporated therein.

Various recommendations of great importance, such as the adoption of the Province system were made to the committee on organization and incorporated in the revised Constitution presented at the national convention the following year. The policy of entertaining convention by chapter groups was recommended.

Complimentary copies of the forthcoming *History of Alpha Chi Omega* were ordered to be presented by the fraternity to the university libraries of institutions where there are chapters of Alpha Chi Omega.

The Alpha Chi Omega Studio at the MacDowell Colony for artists was reported as nearing completion. The furnishing of the Studio was discussed.

TENTH GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, 1912

Just preceding the convention, the Grand Council held its sessions at the Kappa chapter house, Madison, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 1912.

The officers present were: Evangaline Bridge Stevenson; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Acting Vice-President; Winifred Van Buskirk Mount, Treasurer; Helen McQueen Hardie, Secretary; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Lois Smith Crann, Inspector.

It was decided that *The Heraeum* be published each year and be sent to *Lyre* subscribers, to contain Council and convention minutes and the Inspector's reports, that the alumnæ letter be sent out every two years before convention, and that these be financed by the grand treasury.

The committee on chapter by-laws was ordered to turn its attention to uniform house rules, and the report of the committee on model accounts was recommended to convention for adoption. Upon request, dispensations were granted to various chapters permitting them to reduce their percentage of musical students because of their need for a more flexible basis of membership.

Much time was spent upon the discussion of the new Constitution to be presented to the convention.

One of the external changes involved in the new Constitution was in the nomenclature, henceforth to be known as "National" officers, instead of "Grand" officers.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1912

Madison, Wisconsin

The thirteenth national convention was entertained by Kappa and Eta Eta chapters at Madison, Wisconsin, from June 26-28, 1912. The

meetings were held in the beautiful new women's building, Lathrop Hall. The outstanding business was the presentation of the Constitution and Code which had been revised by Mrs. Fall and Mrs. Green. It was put on trial until next convention and ordered printed.

Another step of great importance was the creation of the reserve fund to meet any especial emergencies of the Grand Council or of active chapters. The committee appointed at the previous convention for consideration of a scholarship fund proposed this change in purpose. "A splendid spirit of coöperation was shown from the moment the report of the committee was presented." The recommendation was adopted, "and in almost as short a time as it takes to write it, pledges to the extent of \$315 were secured; additional pledges soon swelled the amount to \$327." The convention surplus of \$345.99 was turned over to the fund by the delegates and an appropriation from the increased annual per capita tax was made. The committee announced that it had set the amount of \$5,000 as a goal to be reached before the next convention. It was understood that a scholarship fund would be established later.

In order to familiarize initiates more thoroughly with the vows which they had taken, it was decided to hold an examination on the ritual within two weeks after initiation. Uniform house rules were adopted. Action which should link together more closely in effort the Council and chapters was the establishment of a trophy to "be awarded yearly by the fraternity under Council supervision to the active chapter showing the greatest excellence in all fraternal relations."

The publication of the fraternity history was reported and welcomed. The convention extended "a vote of sincere thanks to Miss Siller and Miss Armstrong, in particular, and to their able assistants, Mrs. Loud, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Haseltine, and Miss Vose, in compiling *The History of Alpha Chi Omega*."

Increase in the per capita tax was made, a part of this tax "to constitute a convention fund, a part to go into the reserve fund," and a part for current expenses of the national organization. A special dispensation was made to hold the next convention in 1915, in order that a greater number of members might attend, and a longer time might elapse for preparations to finance a Pacific Coast assembly.

One hundred and eighteen members were registered at convention.

The social pleasures included the convention banquet, a musicale, an automobile ride along Lake Monona, a launch ride on Lake Men-

dota, a play by Kappa chapter, a dance, and a picnic and matinee dance at Esther Beach.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1913

Preceding the installation of Upsilon chapter at James Millikin University, the Council held its sessions at Decatur, Illinois, May 14-17, 1913. With the exception of Mrs. Kent, all the Council officers were present: Alta Allen Loud, President; Birdean Motter Ely, Secretary; Lillian Zimmerman, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Lois Smith Crann, Inspector.

The Council authorized the publication of a second private organ, *The Argolid*, for the presentation of such matters as were not provided for by *The Heraeum*. The frequency and financing of the publication was left to the discretion of a committee consisting of the Editor, Treasurer, and President.

Other publications authorized were a *Handbook of Rushing Rules*; a new *Alpha Chi Omega Calendar*, the proceeds of which should go to the reserve fund; and a book containing the ceremonies and prescribed forms. Miss Armstrong was appointed to compose an *Alpha Chi Omega Symphony* for publication. The chapters were requested to subscribe annually to *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Important steps were taken toward the further systematizing of the ever increasing volume of business of the fraternity. Mrs. Crann was appointed "to decide on a uniform system of filing"; a committee was ordered to formulate a uniform system of report blanks; Miss Zimmerman was authorized to revise and distribute chapter officers' instruction; uniform handbooks for the use of Council members were ordered; and a Keeper of Official Supplies was created.

In order to uphold the standard of high scholarship, it was required "that the initiation of sophomores and freshmen be deferred until scholarship records, ranking 80 or above be made for preceding semester," and to insure broadmindedness and college loyalty among the members, it was required that each active member "take part in at least two different lines of college activities."

A chapter house committee from the Council was appointed to advise local committees from the chapters, and formulate plans for financing the building of chapter houses.

The formation of alumnæ clubs was recommended in small cities or college towns. Such clubs were to consist of not less than six mem-

bers, and to be organized after an informal petition has been accepted by the Executive Committee of the fraternity. A deputy was appointed to assist the National Treasurer with the alumnæ notes.

A communication from the Delta Upsilon fraternity was read requesting representation from Alpha Chi Omega at an interfraternity conference at Chicago, May 30, for the discussion of anti-fraternity legislation. Mrs. Loud and Mrs. Crann were chosen as Alpha Chi Omega representatives.

Incidental to the Council meetings and the installation of Upsilon, numerous courtesies were extended from faculty members, fraternities, and members of Alpha Chi Omega. One of the greatest of the pleasures of the week was a day spent with Iota chapter and her alumnæ in Champaign.

TWELFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1914

The Council meeting of 1914 was held following the National Panhellenic Congress at the McAlpin Hotel, New York City. All Council members were present: Alta Allen Loud, President; Fay Barnaby Kent, Vice-President; Birdean Motter Ely, Secretary; Lillian Zimmerman, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Lois Smith Crann, Inspector.

The Council Trophy won by Omicron in 1913, was awarded to Alpha chapter. Appreciation and commendation were expressed for the work of Mu and Zeta which ranked high in general fraternity relations.

It was recommended that a second edition of *The History* be published. A committee to compile and present preliminary information to the 1915 convention was appointed consisting of Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Ely, and Mrs. Nafis. The balance accruing from the sale of the first edition was ordered kept separate as a History fund.

The Symphony by Celia E. McClure, Delta, was adopted as official. A committee reported that *The Calendar* was taken care of by Kappa chapter for 1913, and by Delta chapter for 1914, proceeds to be used for the reserve fund.

The official seal of the fraternity, designed by Mrs. Ely, was adopted.

The recommendation was made to the reserve fund committee "that when a chapter petitioning for a loan has raised \$1,000 or more toward a building fund, an equal amount shall be loaned to it from the reserve fund." Regulations for loans, and for the compilation of instructions for house building were passed.

The Council accepted the invitation of Epsilon and Delta Delta to hold convention the last week in June, 1915, at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, California. The appointment of a joint committee on arrangements was ordered from the two chapters, a local manager to be selected from this committee.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1915

The formal sessions of the thirteenth National Council meeting were held on June 28, 1915, at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, California. On the special convention train en route to California, numerous informal sessions took place. Problems of various chapters were carefully discussed, with reference when desirable to the delegate of the chapter concerned, so that the business both of the Council and of the convention was facilitated greatly.

The roll call at the Council session on June 28 showed full attendance. Alta Allen Loud, President; Fay Barnaby Kent, Vice-President; Birdean Motter Ely, Secretary; Lillian Zimmerman, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Lois Smith Crann, Inspector.

The business consisted of recommendations to the convention to follow. These were: a budget system for Council expense, a life subscription to *The Lyre* for initiates, the appointment of J. F. Newman as sole official jeweler of the fraternity, the purchase of a badge at initiation, and the adoption of a uniform die for the badge to be made in gold set with three pearls, three diamonds or any desired combinations of these stones.

The Council adjourned to meet with the national convention the next day.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1915 *Long Beach, California*

The fourteenth national convention met at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, California, June 28 to July 2, 1915. Announcement of the special train, including the convention program, had been sent to all members of the fraternity so that the interest in the assembly was widespread. From every point of view, the convention was the greatest up until this time in the history of Alpha Chi Omega. The attendance was the largest, since 234 members were present. It lasted five days, so that there was ample time for the transaction of business. The work presented to the convention in committee reports was more exhaustive than

hitherto, and the ground covered quickly was thus very extensive. The first newspaper, *The Convention Transcript*, was published. More petitions (nineteen) were reported than at any previous time.

The outstanding business was the broadening of the extension policy to include as eligible all first-class universities and colleges; the adoption of a budget for National Council expenses; and the adjustment of the scholarship requirement for initiation in cases of discrepancies in the marking systems of the different universities by a standing committee created for that purpose. It was ordered that none but initiated members of Alpha Chi Omega be allowed to wear articles bearing the coat-of-arms. Initiates were required to purchase a badge within a specified time after initiation, and also to purchase a history, a song-book, and a directory, together with a life subscription to *The Lyre* by annual installment.

As provided at the preceding convention, a scholarship fund was instituted and contributed to generously. A slight profit to the fraternity on each badge purchased was made possible by the appointment of a sole official jeweler, J. F. Newman and Company. This royalty was devoted to the scholarship fund. Other sources of income were arranged to be turned into the same channel in a short time. A traditions committee was created "to enforce the traditions of the fraternity in individual chapters."

A second edition of *The History of Alpha Chi Omega* was authorized to be written "from a combined personal and statistical standpoint," and to be published in the fall of 1916. Miss Armstrong, Editor of *The Lyre* since 1910, was asked to compile the second edition.

The principal need of the fraternity, as reported by delegates and officers alike, was for wider alumnæ organization. During the first quarter century of fraternity development, the greatest thought and care had been devoted to the undergraduate members. But with the enormous increase of alumnæ the call for further organization was too persistent to be ignored. To meet the need the office of Alumnæ Vice-President was created enthusiastically. The work of the Extension Vice-President was limited to the investigation of potential fields for new chapters.

The reports from four chapters which had taken definite steps toward house ownership were of particular interest, as well as of ten chapters which were making plans toward the same goal.

The social features of the convention included a beach supper, chapter stunts, and a launch ride on the sea, the Mission Play at San

Gabriel, an automobile tour of Los Angeles, a musicale followed by a reception, a pageant by Doris E. McEntyre, the chapter reunions, a dance and the convention banquet.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1916

The National Council met at Lambda's chapter house, Syracuse, New York, June 20-26, 1916. All members were present: Alta Allen Loud, President; Lillian Zimmerman, First Vice-President; Maud Staiger Steiner, Second Vice-President; Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary; Myra Jones, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Inspector.

At this session the resignation of Francis Kirkwood, Eastern Province President was accepted with regret and El Fleda Coleman Jackson was asked to fill out the unexpired term. Alpha chapter was awarded the Council Trophy. It was decided that in the future two or more nominations for alumnæ advisers should be sent to the National Inspector for appointment. A formal petition from Alpha Theta Sigma, at Washington State College, was granted. Other petitions were considered. A national employment committee was added to the list of standing committees.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1917

The fifteenth National Council meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, November 5-8, 1917, immediately following the National Panhellenic convention.

All members of the Council were present; Alta Allen Loud, President; Lillian Zimmerman, First Vice-President; Maud Staiger Steiner, Second Vice-President; Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary; Myra Jones, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Inspector.

The customary review of active chapter reports was made. General suggestions were published in *The Argolid* for the information of active and alumnæ chapters. The Council Trophy was awarded to Tau chapter with Pi and Iota ranking second and third respectively. The award of the Epsilon Epsilon scholarship cup for the greatest improvement in scholarship for 1916-17 was made to Lambda and of *The Lyre* cup to Theta.

A social customs committee with Nella Ramsdell Fall as chairman was appointed to formulate suggestions regarding the social life of chapters.

The alumnæ committee was instructed to prepare application

blanks to be sent to seniors to encourage them to join alumnæ organizations after graduation. An honor roll was instituted to contain the names of all alumnæ who had held or should hold membership in an alumnæ organization for five consecutive years. It was voted to recommend that the alumnæ groups concentrate on the scholarship loan fund, war relief work, and extension.

The report of the Extension Vice-President showed that 14 informal petitions had been received. It was voted that a report on extension possibilities and information be compiled for every institution on the approved list and copies be sent to each Council member.

The chairman of the committee on organization and laws reported that the new edition of the Constitution and Code had been issued and copies distributed. Florence Armstrong reported that *The History* had been written, 2100 copies printed.

The chairman on the recognition pin reported that the pin had been designed and was being manufactured.

Because of war time conditions it was voted that the alumnæ adviser of each chapter report to the National Inspector which girls were not intending to graduate, with the reasons for leaving college.

A committee was appointed to make plans for war relief work, to be submitted to the Council by December 1.

Other Council action taken at this time provided for the release of pledges failing to attain the required scholarship grade for two semesters, and the required affiliation after one semester of all transfers who have attained the scholarship grade required in that institution for initiation. The Council also decided to recommend the establishment of Central Office with a paid Secretary-Editor.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1919

The National Council met at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from June 28-30, 1919, immediately preceding the fifteenth national convention.

All members were present: Alta Allen Loud, President; Lillian Zimmerman, First Vice-President; Maud Staiger Steiner, Second Vice-President; Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary; Gretchen Gooch, Treasurer; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Inspector.

In addition the Province Presidents, though having no voting privilege, were present at some of the sessions.

Recommendations to the convention included: the elimination of

the clause of the Constitution providing for honorary members; the provision for endowment funds from the scholarship fund, and new terms on which loans might be granted to applicants; dual membership with Mu Phi Epsilon, except at the New England Conservatory; a change in the requirements regarding affiliation, making it compulsory for each chapter to invite to membership all transfers from other colleges who have fulfilled certain specified requirements; the establishment of a Central Office with a paid Secretary-Editor in charge; that no chapter initiate during the last six weeks of college except by permission from the Province President; that a life subscription in full to *The Lyre* be included in the initiation fee; the requirement of twenty charter members for new alumnæ chapters and of ten members for new alumnæ clubs; the adoption of permanent national altruistic work; the appropriation of a sum to provide an archives room in Alpha's chapter house; and the endowment of the Star Studio.

The Council Trophy cup was awarded to Iota chapter, Tau and Pi receiving honorable mention.

The Council adjourned on June 30 to meet with the national convention the following day.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1919

Chicago, Illinois

Due to the war, no convention was held until 1919, when activities swung back to normal. The chapters which were to entertain in 1917 acted as hostesses in Chicago, July 1-5, 1919.

An interesting point brought out by officers' reports was the financial status of the fraternity. The reserve fund passed \$10,000; the scholarship fund, begun in 1915 totaled \$4,000; and the *Lyre* reserve fund showed about \$7,000, the combined resources exceeding \$20,000. In 1910 *The Lyre* had but \$100 in its savings account and the other funds had not come into existence.

A need felt by national officers and chapters alike was met by the establishment of the Central Office of Secretary-Editor at a salary which would enable the incumbent to give her entire time to fraternity business. The rapidly increasing volume of correspondence and the greater complexity of fraternity administration had made a full time trained executive, not only desirable but imperative. The office combined the duties of National Secretary, Editor, business manager of *The Lyre*, keeper of supplies, and such other committee work as seemed desirable

from the standpoint of efficient administration. The Secretary-Editor was empowered to appoint a deputy from each of the Provinces to aid her in her work.

The terms of the scholarship fund were made more liberal by lowering the interest rate, and by giving girls who take advantage of the fund an option of two methods of payment. It was also provided that when the fund had reached \$10,000, one-half should be set aside as an endowment fund, the interest only to be used, and the other half should be kept in circulation.

Alpha Chi Omega strengthened her representation in the National Panhellenic Congress by authorizing the appointment of a long-term delegate. This provision obviated the disadvantage of changing delegates at each biennial election. The National Inspector was authorized to attend sessions of the Congress, in order that she might better be fitted to meet the local Panhellenics during her visits.

At the 1919 convention the work and place of the *alumnæ* assumed new importance and significance. For the first time they were well organized and had accomplished much, both in war work and in service for the fraternity. All delegates expressed their desire for some form of national altruistic work and so a committee was appointed to investigate possibilities. It was recognized that the plans must be carefully laid, since the form of service to be adopted should fill a permanent need of the country, and its appeal should be as compelling in the future as at the moment of adoption.

Although interested in new work, the fraternity had no intention of abandoning the orphans from its two French districts. The convention voted to continue and to increase its support for another year.

In recognition of the debt of gratitude which the fraternity owed its members who responded to the call for overseas service, the convention voted to present each with an appropriate gift, the selection of which was left in charge of a committee. A bronze tablet bearing their names was ordered placed in the archive room of the Alpha Memorial House.

The convention completed the gift made to the artist's colony at Peterboro, New Hampshire, by voting \$1,000 as a permanent endowment for Star Studio.

In the report on the *History* it was announced that the present edition would be exhausted in two years. Therefore the convention authorized a new edition, with Florence Armstrong as editor.

A change in the requirements for new *alumnæ* organizations was

made by providing for twenty instead of twelve names on petitions for alumnæ chapters, and ten instead of six for alumnæ clubs. Annual alumnæ club dues were set at \$.50 per capita. Provision for initiation of honorary members was stricken from the Constitution and Code. Affiliation of transfers was made compulsory provided scholastic record was satisfactory. Initiation into Alpha Chi Omega of only those alumnæ of petitioning locals who hold degrees was provided. Dual membership with professional music fraternities, such as Mu Phi Epsilon was authorized except in the case of members of Zeta chapter.

Two new firms were appointed as novelty jewelers; the Burr Patterson Company and L. G. Balfour Company. The J. F. Newiman Company was retained as sole official jeweler for the badge and pledge pin for the following two years. Full life subscription to *The Lyre* was included in the initiation fee and each chapter made responsible for a \$15 annual *Lyre* advertisement.

No movement projected by the convention aroused more discussion than the plan for Alpha's chapter house to be erected at Greencastle, Indiana, as a memorial to the Founders. The convention voted \$500 or as much as should be needed to be paid in two yearly installments for the construction of a fire proof archives room in the basement. The need for permanently housing the archives had been recognized for some time, and the convention felt that it was fitting that Alpha have them in custody. An alumnæ room dedicated to Alta Allen Loud was planned as the gift of the convention in appreciation of Mrs. Loud's service to the fraternity.

The fifteenth national convention enrolled 383 members.

The social features of the convention were a musicale, chapter reunions, a dance, an automobile trip to Evanston with dinner at the Evanston Woman's club followed by Gamma's pageant, stunt night at which the initial award of the Alta Allen Loud cup was made for the best stunt, a matinee, and the convention banquet.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1920

The National Council met at the home of Gretchen Gooch Troster in Yonkers, New York, September 24-28, 1920. The officers present were: Gladys Livingston Graff, President; Myra Jones, First Vice-President; Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Second Vice-President; Gretchen Gooch Troster, Inspector; and Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary-Editor. Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, Treasurer, was absent. Mrs. Graff was the appointee

of the Council to fill the National President's office left vacant by the resignation of Elizabeth Dunn Prins in March, 1920. She took office the first of July.

The active chapters were discussed and a general chapter letter embodying the recommendations of the Council was authorized.

It was decided that whenever possible the official visitor to active chapters should visit neighboring *alumnæ* chapters of clubs. Three hundred and fifty dollars was established as the maximum sum to be loaned to any individual from the scholarship fund. Non-resident membership fees from *alumnæ* were applied to altruistic work instead of the reserve fund.

Chapters were instructed to take up immediately with the national Panhellenic delegate all matters involving an interpretation of National Panhellenic Congress rulings. The Council approved a new system whereby each initiated member was given a number which should be used in ordering all supplies for her. The decision was made to postpone convention from 1921 to 1922 because of increased railroad fares, and to hold it in the Western Province. It was recommended that Province conventions be held in 1921.

Plans for an Alpha Chi Omega European tour were discussed and approved. Permission was given Lambda to prepare copies of the Symphony for sale. Affiliation fees were discussed and it was decided to present this matter as well as the proposed increase of the per capita tax to the next convention for decision.

The Council trophy was awarded to Zeta with honorable mention to Chi and Tau. *The Lyre* cup was awarded to Gamma with honorable mention to Phi and Tau.

Extension was discussed at some length and favorable consideration was given to local petitioners who were later installed as Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa and Alpha Theta.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1921

The National Council went into session at the Clubhouse of the American Association of University Women, Washington, D. C., September 23-28, 1921. The officers present were: Gladys Livingston Graff, President; Myra Jones, First Vice-President; Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Second Vice-President; Gretchen Gooch Troster, Inspector; Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary-Editor. Announcement was made of the appointment of Esther Barney Wilson as National Treasurer following the resignation of Gretchen O'Donnell Starr.

The Council appointed Beatrice Herron Brown as Council Delegate, this new office to supplement that of National Inspector. Mrs. Brown met with the Council the remaining days of the session.

Three days were spent on chapter problems. The results of these discussions were embodied in special letters to each chapter. Province convention held for the first time in 1921, were considered and recommendations made for their further development. Recommendations were made regarding the size and construction of the archives and Alta Allen Loud rooms in the Alpha Memorial house and it was reported that the funds available for this purpose exceeded \$1,500.

The committee on the gift for overseas workers reported on the selection of a model to be used as a pendant with the design under construction by a jeweler.

The 1922 convention plans were made, each active chapter in the Western Province being required to raise \$100, while alumnae chapters and clubs were assigned \$50 and \$25 respectively as their quota for the convention fund.

It was decided to award Hera pins at the next convention to all past Presidents who had served a full term of office and who had not received the Honor pin. Changes in initiation and pledge ceremonies were recommended. Definite suggestions were made to the chapters as to the details of initiation arrangements and the attitude of the chapter to the initiates. Certificates of recognition were authorized for all alumnae clubs.

The National Treasurer was instructed to make an analysis of the fraternity funds over a period of years. It was voted to recommend to the next convention an increase of the per capita tax, the amount to be determined by the financial survey. A committee was appointed with Mrs. Starr as chairman to advise the custodians of all funds regarding investments. It was recommended that the Constitution be amended to provide the payment of non-resident membership fees to the scholarships for children fund instead of the reserve fund as authorized in the previous Council meeting.

Regulations were adopted governing reserve fund loans made to active chapters, limiting loans to 10 per cent of the cost of the house, or a \$2,000 maximum provided that the chapter has in cash a sum equal to half of the amount requested. No loan was to be allowed to run for more than ten years.

A committee was appointed to present plans for an endowment fund to the 1922 Council meeting.

It was decided that in colleges where the quarter system is used, two quarter's grades be required for initiation and the third quarter be allowed as the last opportunity for making the grade.

Miss Armstrong reported that the third edition of the *History* would be ready in the fall; also that the first European tour had met with approval and requests for another had been received.

The Council trophy was awarded to Psi chapter with honorable mention to Rho and Zeta; the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup was awarded to Pi; and *The Lyre* cup to Theta with honorable mention to Gamma and Epsilon.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1922

The National Council assembled for its annual meeting at the Antlers Hotel, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 21-24, 1922, prior to the sixteenth national convention. All Council members were present as follows: Gladys Livingston Graff, President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumnæ Vice-President; Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President; Esther Barney Wilson, Treasurer; Gretchen Gooch Troster, Inspector; and Mary Emma Griffith, Secretary-Editor. Beatrice Herron Brown, Council Delegate, attended the sessions as an ex officio member of the Council.

The Council recommended to the convention that the per capita tax be increased to \$8.00, that alumnæ chapters pay at least twenty per capita taxes of \$1.00 annually, that alumnæ and chapter house notes be combined, that new chapters be financed from the proceeds of installations, alumnæ chapters paying a \$5.00 per capita fee, and that one-third of the expenses of Central Office be met by *The Lyre* treasury and two-thirds by the royalties received from badges, the remaining royalties to be diverted to the scholarship fund.

Other recommendations included a campaign for \$50 life subscriptions to the reserve fund, the semi-annual publication of *The Argolid*, the inauguration of the office of Council Delegate as a voting member of the Council, a European tour in 1923, collection of alumnæ notes through the medium of a bank, adding the committee on scholarships for children to the list of standing committees, the changing of the scholarship fund reserve from \$10,000 to \$15,000, the appointment of one member from each Province to the extension board, and the appointment of Province secretaries.

Chapters were redistributed and Provinces established as follows: Pacific, Northern, Southwestern, Central, Eastern, and Atlantic.-

It was further recommended to convention that the words *First* and *Second* in connection with the office of Vice-President be changed to *Alumnæ* and *Extension*; that the life subscription to *The Lyre* be increased to \$15; and that an affiliation fee be charged.

The Council trophy was awarded to Xi chapter with honorable mention to Pi and Rho; the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup was awarded to Omega with honorable mention to Sigma chapter. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Alpha Epsilon.

The Council adjourned on June 24 to meet with the convention.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1922

Colorado Springs, Colorado

The sixteenth national convention was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 26-30, 1922. The Antlers Hotel, located so ideally in the beautiful Pike's Peak region, served as convention headquarters. Gladys Livingston Graff presided.

Changes were made in the system of fraternity finances following the recommendations made by the Council. The per capita tax was increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00 to cover the general fraternity administrative expense, to insure sufficient funds to amply finance biennial conventions, and to add to the Reserve fund. Notes required of initiates by chapters to support house financing projects was combined with national alumnæ notes, and were to be five in number of \$15 each. Proceeds from these notes were to be divided between the convention fund, the scholarship fund, the scholarships for children fund, the reserve fund, and the chapter building funds. New chapters were made self-supporting by financing all extension work from the proceeds of installations. All profits were to be diverted to the reserve fund. An installation fee of \$5.00 per capita was established for alumnæ chapters, and an annual minimum per capita of \$20 was required to entitle them to the railroad fare of their convention delegate.

The life subscription to *The Lyre* was increased to \$15, and a corresponding increase made in the yearly subscription price.

The L. G. Balfour Company was appointed official jeweler under a contract promising generous royalties. These were to furnish two-thirds of the support of Central Office, the other third to come from *The Lyre* treasury.

The Council had long desired to plan for an endowment fund. The convention voted to establish a fraternity Honor Roll to be subscribed to by chapters, clubs, and individuals, at \$50 each. This was designed

to insure steady support to the loan and scholarships for children funds, and also to bring a rich revenue to the reserve fund making loans to more chapters possible and looking forward to the establishment of an Alpha Chi Omega endowment fund when the future should warrant.

An investment committee was established to advise the custodians of the various fraternity funds and to make all investments. The decision of the last convention on disposition of the scholarship fund was changed to read that when the fund should reach \$15,000, \$5,000 should be set aside as an endowment.

At this convention it was announced by the committee on national altruistic work that scholarships for children had been chosen. The committee had already raised \$1,132 and designated alumnæ groups to being the work of selecting children who could be given vocational opportunities. Five scholarships were reported already established in Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Lincoln, and Los Angeles, and funds were declared available for the establishment of five more in the coming year.

The inauguration of the office of Council Delegate as a voting member of the National Council was authorized by the convention, a year's trial having proved the value of this officer. Provision was made for the first Central Office by an allowance for office rental in addition to the Secretary-Editor's salary. A new edition of the *Directory* was ordered which should consist of three indexes of members, by chapter, geographical location, and alphabetical list. The dates of publication of *The Lyre* were changed eliminating the summer issue so that the addressograph might be used to make up the mailing list which now comprised 3,000 names.

Those members of the fraternity who had served overseas during the World War were awarded bronze medals. The original model was mounted on a mahogany background bearing a copper plate with the names of the overseas workers. This was to be placed in the fraternity room of the Alpha Memorial House. The medal was to be used in future as a distinguished service award for members of the fraternity. The convention accepted the formal petition of Alpha Nu Beta at the University of Missouri.

The special features of the convention were: an exemplification of the ritual and the new memorial service, a model chapter meeting, a reception and musicale, a Crystal Park drive and barbecue, the chapter reunion dinner, stunt night when 18 chapters competed for the Alta Allen Loud cup, a tea dance and swim at the Broadmoor Hotel, a re-

cital of Indian music by Thurlow Lieurance, a Pike's Peak trip at sunrise and the convention banquet.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1923

The National Council held its annual meeting at Wallace Lodge, Yonkers, New York, July 23-28, 1923. The following members were present: Gladys Livingston Graff, President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumnæ Vice-President; Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President; Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Secretary-Editor; Esther Barney Wilson, Treasurer; Beatrice Herron Brown, Inspector; and Frances Whitmore, Council Delegate.

Two days were spent in discussing chapter problems. The Council trophy was awarded to Lambda with honorable mention to Mu and Psi. The Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup was awarded to Nu with Sigma in second place and *The Lyre* cup to Upsilon with honorable mention to Zeta and Omicron.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a European tour in 1925. Uniform handbooks for chapter officers and uniform record books were authorized. A committee was appointed to investigate the possible establishment of a fellowship for graduate study. It was voted that chapters be permitted to initiate at the end of the first quarter if official grades from the registrar were approved by the Province President; and that for later initiations the average of the preceding two quarters be taken.

A Massachusetts convention was arranged for in 1924 at Swampscott. The Council recommended that proceeds from the *Convention Transcript* be given to the endowment fund of the MacDowell Memorial Association. Attendance from active and alumnæ chapters and clubs was made obligatory and it was voted that all province conventions should be held at chapter houses.

The organization of Mothers' Clubs was recommended to all chapters.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1924

The meeting of the Council preceding the 1924 convention was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, June 16-21. Members present were: Gladys Livingston Graff, President; Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumnæ Vice-President; Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Secretary-Editor; Esther Barney Wilson, Treasurer; Beatrice Herron Brown, Inspector; and Frances Whitmore White, Council Delegate.

Recommendations to the convention were: that funds be appropriated to care for improvements of Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony; that a ritual be printed for the use of alumnæ organizations; that a pledge automatically expire when a girl leaves college; that the Constitution be amended to provide for fifteen instead of ten charter members of new chapters; and that the Balfour contract be renewed for two years as the result of satisfactory service.

The Council accepted the formal petition of the group at the University of New Hampshire and arranged for the installation of the chapter at convention. Beta Chi at Butler University was granted permission to present a formal petition and the formal petition of Alpha Chi Alpha at the University of Texas was presented to the convention for vote. Bonding was decided upon for all treasurers of fraternity funds. The initiation ceremony was ordered to be blueprinted and distributed.

The closing two days of the Council session were used for the discussions of chapter conditions with the President of each Province.

At the close of the seventeenth convention a final meeting of the Council was held to consider special conditions in some of the chapters.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1924

Swampscott, Massachusetts

The seventeenth national convention of the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity held its sessions June 23-27, 1924, at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, with Gladys Livingston Graff presiding. As the preceding conventions had come to mean definite accomplishment in fraternity organization, endowment projects and altruistic endeavors, so the fundamental purpose of this convention seemed to be to "strengthen the bonds of fraternity." Three hundred and fifty-three members attended.

The chief event of the convention week was the installation of Alpha Tau chapter. At the opening session, announcement was made that a charter had been granted the petitioning group at the University of New Hampshire. Before the adjournment of the session the petitioners were pledged, the ceremony being conducted by Louise Ludlum Baker, Eastern Province President, and Alpha Epsilon chapter. Zeta installed the chapter the following evening. A model chapter meeting was conducted by Lambda on Wednesday morning at which the officers of

Alpha Tau were inducted. This was the only installation ever held at a convention.

The major part of the sessions was given over to informal discussion by delegates. All topics had been assigned in advance for preparation, so that valuable suggestions were given concisely.

The convention adopted uniform handbooks and equipment for chapter officers, and three new alumnæ ceremonies, the *Graduate Degree for Senior Girls*, *Reception of New Members*, and *Proceedings for Installation of Alumnæ Clubs*. It accepted the petition of the local group at the University of Texas; recommended details of initiations and observance of fraternity holidays; appropriated funds to make improvements in the Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony, and gave \$325 from the *Convention Transcript* profits to the MacDowell Colony Endowment fund; renewed the contract with the L. G. Balfour company for two years; limited the issue of *The Heraeum* to local and national officers and to any other member of the fraternity upon request; approved a European tour for 1925; and adopted regulations for the award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mrs. Nickerson, National Vice-President of Pi Beta Phi spoke informally to the convention on the altruistic work of her fraternity and the common urge felt by all fraternal organizations.

The chairman of the committee on the award of a fellowship reported that in 1926 the scholarship fund would total approximately \$15,000, of which \$5,000 would be invested according to previous convention action, thereby establishing a \$500 biennial fellowship. It was planned to make the award annual when the fund was sufficiently large.

Reports of the various permanent funds showed a total of \$68,000, an increase of sixty-two per cent in the two years since the Colorado convention.

The special features of the convention program were a musicale and reception, an automobile trip to Concord, Lexington, Cambridge, Salem, and Marblehead, chapter reunion dinners, the convention frolic, an afternoon sail on the North Shore to Gloucester followed by a New England clambake on the sandy beach, and the banquet.

TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1925

The National Council held its annual meeting at the Hotel Belmont, Chicago, Illinois, September 8-12, 1925. The following officers were present: Beatrice Herron Brown, President; Myrna Van Zandt

Bennett, Extension Vice-President; Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Louise Ludlum Baker, Inspector; and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Council Delegate. The office of Secretary-Editor was vacant due to the death of Mary Emma Griffith Marshall.

The Council voted that loans from the reserve fund and *Lyre* reserve fund be left to the discretion of the committees involved and that all loans of greater than \$2,000 should bear interest at 6 per cent. A gift of \$300 was voted for the furnishings of the Alta Allen Loud room at the Alpha Memorial House with the understanding that the entire contents of the room be the property of the national fraternity.

A survey of the publications was ordered. The national press committee was made a standing committee of the fraternity. An intensive scholarship campaign was inaugurated to cover a period of ten years, closing at the fiftieth anniversary.

A charter was granted the alumnae club at Syracuse, New York. The Council voted to recommend to the 1926 convention that all petitioning groups have a minimum sinking fund of \$200 before they are allowed to present a formal petition. The use of a third Greek alphabet, to begin with Beta Gamma was authorized for chapter designation.

It was voted that an appropriate memorial service should be conducted in all active and alumnae groups in memory of Mary Emma Griffith Marshall. With the unanimous consent of the Council, Mrs. Brown announced the appointment of Hazel Eckhart as her successor in office.

Considerable time was spent in the discussion of chapter reports and problems. An intensive campaign to improve scholarship was authorized. After consultation with railroad officials it was decided to ask the Northern Province to hold the 1926 convention at Lake Louise, Canada. The Council trophy was awarded to Omicron with honorable mention to Alpha Iota and Alpha Epsilon; Xi chapter received the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup with honorable mention to Beta. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Zeta.

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1926

The National Council assembled at the Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, June 22, 1926, preliminary to the eighteenth convention. The meeting was called to order by the President, Beatrice Heron Brown, with the following members present: Myra Van Zandt Bennett, Extension Vice-President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumnae

Vice-President; Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Louise Ludlum Baker, Inspector; Hazel Eckhart, Secretary-Editor; Ethel Mead Van Auken, Council Delegate.

After the reading of reports and the transaction of routine business the following recommendations were made for convention action: the adoption of an alumnæ financial program to be completed in 1935; the establishment of a Memorial Fellowship to Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, the plan to be worked out in accordance with the action of the 1922 convention; the appointment of state alumnæ chairmen; the elimination of the office of Extension Vice-President and the transfer of her work to the Central Office; the requirement of a \$200 sinking fund for all petitioning groups; the establishment of a Southern Province in the fraternity; and the imposing of a penalty of \$25 upon any chapter failing to send in alumnæ notes upon date of initiation.

It was decided to permit the petitioning local at the College of William and Mary to present a formal petition. A group at Louisiana State University was accepted and the charter ordered.

Two days were spent in consideration of the chapters with the Province Presidents in attendance.

It was voted that in view of the possible consolidation of the extension and alumnæ note work the Council recommend to convention the addition of a full-time Central Office assistant. A Mothers' Club handbook was ordered printed. At the Council session following the convention an increased salary was authorized for the Secretary-Editor and a salary named for the assistant in the Central Office, these increased expenses being met from royalties and from *Lyre* funds. The petition of Zeta Epsilon at Louisiana State University was accepted and provision made for colonization at the University of Mississippi.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1926

Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada

The eighteenth national convention assembled at the Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, on June 28, 1926. A special train from Chicago brought more than three hundred delegates and visitors to this spot of unparalleled beauty. Beatrice Herron Brown presided over the convention.

Its dominant achievements were the inauguration of a new alumnæ program looking forward to the fiftieth anniversary of the fraternity, and the further centralization of routine work in the Central

Office, with the addition of a full-time paid assistant to the staff.

The new alumnæ program included the appointment of state chairmen to direct the search for all Alpha Chi Omegas not affiliated with a club or chapter, to enlist them as non-resident members of the nearest organized group and to incite them to active concern in fraternity affairs. The alumnæ share in the \$100,000 reserve fund project was to be an annual gift of \$50 from each chapter and of \$25 from each club. This was to be earned—not merely given, but the dues from non-resident members could be applied upon the apportionment of their respective groups. The money was to be divided proportionately to make possible adequate financing of chapter houses, the loans necessary to members, and the altruistic work of the fraternity, without the need for Christmas card sales, benefit tickets and requests. Thus the alumnæ program was designed to add affiliated members and to realize the desired endowment in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary.

The work of the Central Office, combining as it did the duties of both National Secretary and Editor of *The Lyre* had come to be heavier than any one individual could carry. When in addition the Central Officer was made responsible for the publication of the *Directory*, the care of all official supplies, the authorization of badge orders and the collection of royalties, the burden was truly a superhuman one. Brought to the realization of this circumstance, the convention decided to add to the staff a full-time assistant who should take over the strictly routine work. It was also deemed wise to abolish the office of Extension Vice-President and transfer the expansion work as well as the alumnæ notes to the Central Office. This action vastly increased the efficiency of the organization, and partially released the Council members from the routine of purely clerical work that had come to be required of them. The increase in salary of the Secretary-Editor and the salary of the newly authorized assistant was provided largely from royalties.

The seriousness of purpose of the convention and the loyalty of every member in attendance had been deepened immeasurably by the keen appreciation of the service given to Alpha Chi Omega by Mrs. Marshall. In her memory the convention voted to establish the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship, funds for which should be available from the loan fund reserve already set aside by convention action. The award was to be made to a member of the fraternity for European graduate study. A memorial service was presented at the opening session in memory of Mrs. Marshall and all others who had died since the 1924 convention.

Other business included the establishment of a Southern Province, the renewal of the two-year jewelry contract with L. G. Balfour; the decision to require petitioning groups to have a minimum sinking fund of \$200; the imposing of a fine of \$25 upon any chapter failing to send in alumnæ notes on the date of initiation; and the change in the time of appointment of alumna advisers from the mid-year to September. Announcements were made that a Songbook supplement was ready for sale, that a complete alumnæ ritual had been prepared and printed; that uniform treasurer's books were available at the Central Office for both active and alumnæ chapters, that pledge handbooks had been printed and distributed, and Mothers' Club handbooks had been prepared for use. The convention adopted forms for the use of alumnæ chapters and clubs in notifying one another of the change in a member's address, a uniform repledging blank, and a formal acknowledgment of recommendations for rushing sent to active chapters. The National Press committee was made a standing committee of the fraternity.

Round table discussions by the delegates, which had become an established part of the program were carried on under the leadership of the Province Presidents.

Impetus was given to the continued organization of Mothers' Clubs by the discussion of their work and an appreciation of their possibilities in coöperation with the active chapters.

As a matter of record it is interesting to note that at the time of the Lake Louise convention the total of the three permanent funds of the fraternity, the reserve, *The Lyre* reserve, and the scholarship loan, amounted to \$95,000.

The special features of the convention included the traditional musicale and reception; a motor trip to Lake Moraine in the Valley of the Ten Peaks which was made more interesting by the taking of motion pictures by the Fox Film Company; the reunion dinner; the Frolic; a trip to Banff and dinner at the Banff Springs Hotel; and the convention banquet.

TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1927

The National Council held its annual meeting at the Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan, June 20-25, 1927. Council members present were: Beatrice Herron Brown, President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumna Vice-President; Ethel Mead Van Auken, Inspector; Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Hazel Eckhart, Secretary-Editor; the chair of the Council Delegate remaining vacant. With the unanimous consent of

the Council, Mrs. Brown announced the appointment of Lou Babcock as Council Delegate, and Miss Babcock met with the Council for the closing days of the session.

It was planned to hold the 1928 convention at Mackinac Island, Michigan, and to feature it as a Great Lakes convention.

Reports were read from all officers and committee chairmen and two days were spent in discussing chapters by provinces. In the report of the extension chairman, nineteen petitions were referred to the Council for action, nine others having been rejected without reference; permission to present formal petitions was granted to two of the groups, at Michigan State College and at Whitman College.

An account was given of the work accomplished by the new alumnae program, and the announcement was made of the organization of nine new alumnae clubs. It was reported that \$2,000 had been set aside for the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship fund. The Council voted to place the Founders on the Honor Roll of the fraternity, paying their subscriptions.

Because of the recognized need for a representative of the Council constantly in the field, a financial survey was ordered to be made during the coming year, looking to the inauguration of a paid travelling inspector. Miss Eckhart was instructed to determine the archive equipment required for the Alpha Memorial House. The publication of a new *Directory* was announced. New editions of the *Songbook* and *History* were to be forthcoming within the year as well as a reprint of the Rules for Rushing and the issuing of a handbook for Mothers' Clubs.

The Council Trophy was awarded to Mu and the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup to Theta; the *Lyre* cup was awarded to Alpha Iota.

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1928

The meeting of the National Council prior to the Great Lakes convention was held at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, June 18-23, 1928. Council members present were: Beatrice Herron Brown, National President; Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Alumnae Vice-President; Ethel Mead Van Auken, National Inspector; Verna Hyder Boyles, National Treasurer; and Hazel E. Eckhart, Secretary-Editor. Lou Babcock, Council Delegate, was absent.

After careful consideration of the reports of the various officers, the Council decided to recommend to the convention the redistribution of the chapters within the provinces and the creation of a new province;

the inclusion of the Constitution and Code in the initiates' supplies; the increase of the active chapter per capita tax to \$10; the provision for a Province fund to be used to finance the Province conventions; the gift of the 1928 *Transcript* proceeds to the scholarships for children fund; the endorsement of the recent action taken by National Panhellenic Congress; and the increase of the annual *Lyre* subscription price to \$2.00.

Suggestions were made to change the routine of the fraternity examinations, and a recommendation made to amend the Code in accordance with the plan.

Miss Eckhart reported on the work of cataloguing the archives at the Alpha Memorial House and plans were made for the further equipment of the archive vault. *The Argolid* was ordered printed annually in February thereafter.

During the last two days of the Council meeting, the chapters within the Provinces were considered with the Province Presidents in attendance.

At the final session of the Council on June 30, it was decided that the next convention should be held in California with the Pacific and Northwest Provinces, Alpha Xi excused, acting as hostesses. The anonymous gift of convention, amounting to about \$250 was presented to the MacDowell Colony, provided the investigating committee rendered a favorable report.

The Council Trophy was awarded to Mu chapter and the Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup to Gamma chapter. The *Lyre* cup was received by Alpha.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1928
Mackinac Island, Michigan

The nineteenth national convention of Alpha Chi Omega was held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan, June 25-30, 1928. Delegates and visitors were brought to the island on the especially chartered *Manitou*.

The five Founders of the fraternity were present as guests of honor. On the closing day, they presented a basket of flowers in memory of the two Founders who had died.

The important business presided over by Beatrice Herron Brown included the establishment of a paid field secretary, the constitutional reorganization of the province work, and the continued development

of the enlarged alumnæ program which had been launched at the last convention.

The impossibility of maintaining direct contact with the chapters, under the existing inspection plan had been increasingly realized by the Council with each addition to the chapter roll. A salaried officer who should devote her entire time to travelling and chapter inspections was the obvious solution to the problem of providing the assistance asked for by the fifty chapters of the fraternity. The convention therefore voted that the Council Delegate should be a salaried field secretary, and arranged to meet the added expense by increasing the per capita tax to \$10, of which \$.25 should be diverted to form a Province fund.

Also as an outgrowth of the increasing size of the fraternity came the need for Province reorganization. The Province President was made responsible for decisions in repledging, release of pledges and membership inactivity, formerly cared for by the executive committee. Grading of second and third year examination papers was transferred to the Province Secretary. With the enlarged field of service for both these officers it was essential to restrict the size of the Provinces. Chapters within the Eastern, Central, Northern, Southwestern, and Pacific Provinces were redistributed and a North Central and Northwest Province were established by the convention.

Gratification was expressed over the working out of the new alumnæ program which had been authorized at Lake Louise. The state alumnæ chairmen in the year of their existence had promoted state meetings and banquets, located many lost alumnæ, secured new *Lyre* subscriptions, organized new clubs, and generally awakened alumnæ interest.

The convention endorsed the resolution of the National Panhellenic Congress held in Boston in February, 1928, which reads: "Resolved, that the policies of National Panhellenic fraternities be against smoking by undergraduate members in our fraternity houses and on the campuses of our universities and colleges, and that guests and alumnæ be requested to respect the policy as they do the house rules."

Other business transacted included an increase in the annual subscription price of the *Lyre* from \$1.25 to \$2.00; the gift to the scholarships for children fund of the net proceeds from the 1928 *Transcript*; the inclusion of the Constitution and Code as part of the initiation supplies; and the placing of the nineteenth convention on the Honor Roll

of the fraternity by a voluntary collection of the membership fee, \$50. It was reported that work had been begun on cataloguing the national archives and a new edition of the *Songbook* was announced.

The extension chairman announced the installation of three active chapters, at Louisiana State University, the College of William and Mary, and Michigan State College, bringing the chapter roll to fifty; and the granting of petitions to groups at Whitman College and the Florida State College for Women. Twenty-four requests had been rejected since the last convention and ten remained on file.

The National Panhellenic Delegate reported that Theta Upsilon had been granted full membership in the Congress. Recognition was given to the honor which had come to Alpha Chi Omega in the choosing of her National Editor as Chairman of the Editor's Conference of National Panhellenic Congress, a tribute to Miss Eckhart, and *The Lyre*. Reports showed financial progress. The reserve fund exceeded \$50,000; the loan fund totaled \$22,000 and \$5,000 had been set aside for the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship. The scholarships for children fund had invested \$500 in an endowment fund and had administered sixteen scholarships by twelve alumnæ groups. *The Lyre* reserve totaled \$45,000 and Central Office reported the collection of more than \$13,000 from alumnæ notes. The national treasury had financed for the first time the publications of the fraternity, and was declared to be in the most prosperous condition it had ever known. Investments in active chapter houses totaled over \$1,000,000 with several additional building projects under consideration.

The discussions which contributed largely to the helpfulness of the convention program were conducted by Provinces and presided over by the Province Presidents in turn.

A choir, organized and directed by Bess Dean Ogden, Alpha, and Beta Beta, led fifteen minutes of singing each session. Virginia Fisk Green, Theta, told the convention how the initiation ritual was written by the committee on which she served sixteen years earlier.

Interesting features of the program included an address by the late George Banta, Sr., the founder and editor of *Banta's Greek Exchange*, who spoke inspiringly of the history and ideals of the fraternity movement.

The boat trip from Chicago to Mackinac Island was enjoyed by all, as were the musicale and reception following the President's dinner on the opening evening; the surrey drive along the Island trails; a garden

party; an unusually successful chapter reunion dinner party; the convention frolic at which a skit portraying Alpha Chi Omegas in 1885 received the trophy; a bridge party and dance; the dinner of the Olympians; a boat trip along the islands of Les Cheneaux, and, most impressive of all, the convention banquet which formally closed the nineteenth convention.

The official register showed an attendance of 389 members.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1929

The twenty-sixth meeting of the National Council was held at the Shoreland, Chicago, Illinois, August 5-10, 1929. Ethel Mead Van Auken, National President, conducted the meetings with Lou Babcock, National Alumnæ Vice-President; Verna Hyder Boyles, National Treasurer; Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Council Delegate; Edith Steffener, National Secretary; and Mildred Blacklidge, incoming National Secretary, present. The chair of the Editor was vacant.

Two new rituals were accepted, the revised memorial service and the ritual for the installation of alumnæ chapters, both written by Helen Cheyney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon.

A committee from the Council was appointed by the chair to determine details for the award of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship to an Alpha Chi Omega alumna for graduate study, to be made at the 1930 convention and biennially thereafter.

A gift of \$100 from Upsilon Upsilon to the memory of Mary Emma Griffith Marshall to be used for archive equipment was announced.

Extension discussion resulted in dropping several petitioning groups and continued interest in the group at Georgetown College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, the University of Wyoming, and the University of Toronto.

It was reported that the Greek letters $\text{A X } \Omega$ were registered in the United States Patent Office, May, 1929.

The decision was made to designate future alumnæ chapters by inserting the letter Beta between each of the doubled letters of the Alphabet, as Alpha Beta Alpha, Beta Beta Beta, etc. This was later changed by the permission of Miss Babcock, who made the motion. The letters of the alphabet are inserted in order between the doubled Alphas as Alpha Beta Alpha, Alpha Gamma Alpha, Alpha Delta Alpha, etc.

Financial decisions rendered included authorization of payment of deficits in Province funds from the general treasury. Proceeds from the future *History* and *Directories* were to be sent to the National Treas-

urer from each active treasurer who was to issue receipts for all money.

A plaque was authorized for Star Studio, giving Alpha Chi Omega's greetings to the artists occupying it.

The pledge organization booklet was ordered discontinued and mimeographed instructions for chapter vice-presidents substituted. Vice-Presidents in the Provinces were ordered appointed to be in charge of alumnæ work. New forms for state alumnæ chairmen's reports and for alumnæ advisers' reports were authorized.

The L. G. Balfour Company was instructed to discontinue all three jewel badges. Recommendations to the convention were to divide the office of Secretary-Editor; to authorize the official examiner to prepare programs for monthly meetings, which would lead up to fraternity examination and to place the badge of a member on probation in the hands of the alumna adviser.

A fraternity policy was established that chapters investigate transfers from colleges where there are active chapters, before pledging.

A national pledge chairman was appointed to contact pledge groups and send information regarding Alpha Chi Omega standards and requirements to all pledges and parents.

The Council Trophy was awarded to Alpha Iota with honorable mention to Xi. The Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup was awarded to Iota, with honorable mention to Alpha Kappa. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Alpha Sigma with honorable mention to Epsilon.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1930

The National Council met at the Hotel Del Monte, June 20-27, 1930. Ethel Mead Van Auken presided. The officers present were Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary; Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Council Delegate; and Lou Babcock, Alumnæ Vice-President. The chair of Editor was vacant.

The Council ordered that \$2,000 be appropriated from the *Lyre* fund to the *Lyre* reserve fund to cover the existing deficit; and that \$.42 per life subscription be paid annually from the *Lyre* fund to the *Lyre* reserve fund.

It was voted that the 1930 *Transcript* profits be given to the Star Studio; that all new chapters to be installed should have an Alpha Chi Omega coörganizer in residence if necessary until well-organized; that investigation be made of potential extension fields at Colorado College and Pennsylvania State College.

The Council recommended to the convention that a new *Directory*

be published; that there be a separation of the office of Secretary-Editor; that chapters failing to maintain a required scholarship average should go on probation and that the same rules should apply to individuals; that there should be established the minor office of official housemother; that chapters should present to the 1933 convention plans for a scholarship prize or award to be offered on their campuses in recognition of the fraternity's fiftieth anniversary; that any chapter found indulging in "hell week" be placed on probation; that the office of Council Delegate be changed to that of National Inspector and that she be provided with two deputies; and that there be a change made in the basis of alumnæ contribution to lighten the burden on clubs of small memberships.

The last two days of the session were taken up with the discussion of active chapters, with the Province Presidents and the National Panhellenic Congress Delegate in attendance.

At the close of the convention a further session of the Council was held, at which newly elected members were present. A loan from the general treasury to the scholarship fund was authorized. The Council reversed its decision in regard to a petitioning group at Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, and voted to continue interest in it. The National Panhellenic Congress Delegate was instructed to bring up the question of smoking in chapter houses at the next Congress meeting; and a revision in the method of presenting statistical reports to convention was authorized with the provision that all were to be in mimeographed form.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1930

Del Monte, California

The twentieth national convention met at the Del Monte Hotel, Del Monte, California, June 28 to July 3, 1930. A special train brought many of the delegates, who thus had an opportunity to become acquainted before convention opened. Three hundred and ninety-six members gathered at the first session to hear Dr. Frank C. Tuton, Vice-President of the University of Southern California speak on "The Contribution of College Fraternities to the Goals of a College Education."

Among those present were three of the Founders of Alpha Chi Omega, and four past National Presidents, as well as delegates from fifty-four active and twenty-two alumnæ chapters.

Routine reports and addresses covering the various phases of the

fraternity's work since the last convention and round table discussion of alumnæ and province problems filled the first six business sessions.

The essential accomplishment of the convention was the promotion of closer understanding between the fraternity's officers and the general membership. The business transacted included the authorization of the publication of a new *Directory*; the division of the office of Secretary-Editor, and the establishment of separate offices; the condemnation of "hell week", probation being the penalty imposed for indulgence therein; the revision of the basis for the alumnæ contribution, \$20 per capita to be the payment for clubs of less than twelve members instead of \$25 in all as heretofore.

Other financial business included the provision for chapter loan application blanks, the appropriation of \$150 for the furnishings of the Star Studio, and automatic enrollment of every senior in the alumnæ organization by payment of \$1.00 to the National Treasurer before graduation.

It was voted that each active chapter should make plans for an award of some kind to be presented annually on its own campus in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the fraternity.

Alumnæ duties were delegated to Province secretaries who were instructed to work with the state chairmen and the Alumnæ Vice-President.

Provision for strengthening future chapters was made in the authorization of coörganizers to be sent by the Council when necessary to take up residence for a semester or more with newly installed groups. The name of the Council Delegate was changed to National Inspector and provision made for two deputies to assist her.

An effort was made to provide for scholastic improvement by requiring each chapter to include in its by-laws penalties for members failing to maintain the average required for initiation.

During the convention twenty pledges representing nine chapters were initiated in a model ceremony. Members of the National Council, assisted by a member from each chapter of the fraternity conducted the ritual, making it truly national.

A beautiful new memorial service written by the national ritualist, Helen Cheney Bailey, Alpha Epsilon, paid tribute to those sisters who since the last convention had gone on. Beatrice Herron Brown conducted the ceremony, in which each chapter having deceased members participated.

One afternoon was devoted to Panhellenic at which Irma Tapp, Alpha Delta Pi, retiring chairman of National Panhellenic Congress was guest speaker. This meeting was followed by a tea at Del Monte Lodge honoring Panhellenic visitors, who with their Alpha Chi Omega hostesses were driven through historic Monterey.

The delegates also were able to enjoy lovely bits of California, notably Carmel Mission and the giant Redwoods. Since the convention extended over a weekend, Sunday was devoted to pleasant drives. The traditional social features included a musicale, the President's dinner, Olympian dinner, chapter reunions and stunt night, and the convention banquet. At this last dinner, the Council awards were presented. The Council Trophy went to Beta Epsilon with honorable mention to Eta. The Epsilon Epsilon Scholarship cup went to Alpha Omicron, honorable mention going to Kappa, Alpha Lambda, and Alpha Pi. The *Lyre* cup went to Alpha Chi, honorable mention to Tau. The Hera Head for distinguished fraternity service was presented to Lou Babcock, retiring Alumnæ Vice-President. For the first time the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship award was made to Lois Mae Burbank, Alpha Iota, for art study in Paris.

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1931

The National Council met for the twenty-eighth time, June 22-27, 1931, at the Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. All members were present: Ethel Mead Van Auken, National President; Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary; Minerva Osborn Donald, Alumnæ Vice-President; Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, National Inspector; and Theodora Maltbie Collins, National Editor.

Extension discussion resulted in continued interest in Utah State Agricultural College, Pennsylvania State College, and Southern College. It was suggested that Tulsa University be investigated.

An honorarium of \$600 per annum for a two-year period was authorized to be given to James Hamilton Howe. A fellowship of \$150 per annum for two years was voted to the MacDowell Colony. A uniform clippings book for active chapters was adopted and a \$10 prize for the best book was to be awarded at convention.

It was voted that alumnæ chapters and clubs be excused from paying contributions during 1931 and 1932. Four thousand dollars was loaned from the *History* account to the reserve fund and a salary of \$1.00 a year was granted to bonded officers.

The Honor Roll chairmanship work was combined with that of the

reserve fund. A national library chairman was created. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for a Founders' Memorial to be dedicated at the 1935 convention. It was voted to require that non-resident members and pledges reside in chapter houses unless excused by the Province President. Bound volumes of the *Lyre* were ordered sent to all chapters annually. Uniform scholarship and activity index cards were decided upon. A complete set of initiation equipment was ordered for use at conventions.

Province scholarship cups were provided to be awarded annually to chapters having the highest average among National Panhellenic Congress groups on their campuses.

The Council Trophy went to Alpha Zeta with honorable mention to Gamma and Rho. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Alpha Iota.

TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1932

The National Council met at French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana, from June 13-18, 1932. Ethel Mead Van Auken presided with all members present. These were: Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary; Minerva Osborn Donald, Alumnae Vice-President; Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Inspector; and Theodora Maltbie Collins, Editor.

Continued interest was voted in the following extension fields: Mary Baldwin College, Duke University, Southern College, University of Wichita, and University of Western Ontario. It was voted to investigate colonization of the last named. Permission was granted Sorosis at the Utah State Agricultural College to prepare a formal petition.

Washington, D.C., was decided upon as the site for the 1933 convention. The Council decided to take legal action against delinquent borrowers from the Loan fund. Loans to graduate students were to be approved by National Council. Copies of all letters to chapter officers were ordered sent to Alumnae Advisers.

Investment of part of the *Lyre* reserve fund in chapter house first mortgages was authorized. Chapters on campuses where house ownership is prohibited were permitted to loan their building funds to the Scholarship Loan fund at the prevailing bank rate of interest.

Two hundred and twenty-five dollars was appropriated for repairs of the Star Studio. It was voted that no member of an active chapter be excused from the per capita tax payment and no girl in arrears more than thirty days be permitted to live in the chapter house.

The purchase of a blanket bond covering the treasurers of building

corporations was authorized, as well as a blanket accident policy for members of Alpha Chi Omega travelling on official business.

Alpha Beta received the Council Trophy cup, Beta Delta and Pi receiving honorable mention. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Alpha Kappa with honorable mention to Beta Kappa, Theta and Psi. The second award of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial fellowship was made to Marcia Clapp, Alpha Chi, sculptor.

THIRTIETH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1933

The National Council assembled for its thirtieth meeting at the Shoreland Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, June 26 to July 3, 1933. Ethel Mead Van Auken presided with the following officers present: Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Mildred Blackledge, Secretary; Minerva Osborn Donald, Alumnæ Vice-President; Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Inspector; and Theodora Maltbie Collins, Editor.

Following the routine reports, extension was considered. Ten potential fields were dropped and it was voted to continue interest in the following Universities: Tulsa, Maryland, Western Ontario, Utah, Georgia, and Leland Stanford.

An honorarium of \$365 for the coming year was voted to James Hamilton Howe as a gift of appreciation from the fraternity.

An annual mimeographed letter to alumnæ was substituted for the biennial letter; a canvass of alumnæ groups was authorized to determine their wishes with respect to national altruistic work. A revision of the form of alumnæ chapter charters was authorized.

Recommendations for constitutional amendments included: a new clause covering the expulsion of alumnæ members; provision that only one annual alumnæ letter be sent out by active chapters, and only one chapter *Eklekta* article be sent to the National Editor; provision that alumnæ advisers grade all fraternity examination papers; immediate affiliation for undergraduate transfers unless excused by the national executive committee; provision that the Honor Roll be discontinued, and that alumnæ notes be refinanced.

The Council voted that any member owing money to her chapter for thirty days, unless arrangement for payment of her debt be made, be considered liable to expulsion.

A new plan for financing conventions was discussed. The chapters were redistricted in Provinces and the Intermountain Province created. The Council went on record as approving the present constitutional rul-

ing of National Panhellenic Congress regarding the rotation of its officers.

Revision of the plans for administering the scholarships for children was authorized. The interest rate on loans to chapters from the reserve fund was reduced to three per cent. The award of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship was postponed until 1935 and it was announced that province conventions should be held during the year to take the place of the delayed national convention.

The local Panhellenic average was made acceptable as the initiation grade requirement for two years in order to tide chapters over the emergency depression period.

An activity application form was authorized and graduate students were granted the privilege of choosing active or inactive life in the chapter.

The Council further ruled that active chapters should contribute to a National Founders' Memorial rather than attempt annual memorials on their own campuses; that all members of the fraternity handling money be bonded; that the Roll book be abolished as active chapter equipment; that inspection forms be revised; that the National Secretary serve as chairman of the *Lyre* finance board; and that the office of Province secretary be abolished.

At this meeting the Council eliminated the Council Trophy because of inability to award it on an equitable basis. It approved a contest for a national bookplate and offered an award.

It was decided to submit all suggested constitutional changes to the voting body of the fraternity for immediate action. The Council Trophy was awarded for the last time. Beta Delta, Chi, and Epsilon all had their names engraved on the cup, which was then sent to the archives. The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Nu with honorable mention to Beta Delta, Alpha and Epsilon.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1934

The National Council assembled at Many Glacier Hotel, Glacier National Park, Montana, August 6-11, 1934.

The meeting was called to order by Ethel Mead Van Auken with all officers present. These were: Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary; Minerva Osborn Donald, Alumnae Vice-President; Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Inspector; and Theodora Maltbie Collins, Editor.

After considering all extension fields recommended by alumnae, and

all inquiries on file, continued interest was voted in Duke University, the University of Georgia, the University of Western Ontario, and Washington College.

The name of the loan fund was changed to the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan fund, honoring the memory of its founder and treasurer. The planned memorial to the Founders of the fraternity scheduled for the fiftieth anniversary was deferred indefinitely because of lack of sufficient funds.

A new edition of the *History* was authorized to be ready for distribution following the fiftieth anniversary. Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish was asked to undertake the task of revision. The publication of a song book supplement prior to convention was ordered. The reserve fund name was changed to the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment fund.

The term of a house chaperon was limited to five years with one chapter. It was decided that any member not meeting her chapter indebtedness after thirty days' warning should be placed on a suspended membership list, and her badge held in Central Office, reinstatement to be granted after satisfactory settlement.

All chapters were excused from fraternity examinations during 1934-35, chapter programs being substituted. The investment chairman was authorized to purchase and sell on the advice of her counsel. She was instructed to purchase bonds of only A or better rating.

The Council voted to prepare a workable program for all active and alumnae groups, to be presented to each at the beginning of the school year, and to give convention recognition to the groups most nearly attaining the goal set. A constitutional amendment was recommended to change the tenure of office of the alumnae adviser to two years.

The *Lyre* cup was awarded to Rho with honorable mention to Gamma and Kappa.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1935

The National Council assembled at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on June 19, 1935, with the following national officers present: Ethel Mead Van Auken, President; Minerva Osborn Donald, Vice-President; Verna Hyder Boyles, Treasurer; Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Counsellor; Mildred Blacklidge, Secretary; and Theodora Maltbie Collins, Editor. The presidents of all the Provinces except the Atlantic and Great Lakes joined the meeting on June 23.

Following the discussion of convention details, the Council considered the initiation fee, and recommended that the membership certificate be furnished from the national treasury and that the *Directory* no longer be a required part of the supplies. It was further recommended that the next issue of the *Directory* be mailed to all life subscribers in lieu of one issue of *The Lyre*. Other recommendations included the addition of a second National Counsellor to the members of the Council; the appointment of all committee chairmen on September 1 instead of at the close of conventions; the appointment of a national historian as a standing committee chairman; the payment of interest on Alta Allen Loud National Endowment fund notes semi-annually; and the payment of coupon books as well as railroad fare for active delegates to the next convention from the convention fund.

An appropriation of \$75 was made for refurbishing Star Studio. The Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan fund was discussed, and several changes were made in its administration. Upon the recommendation of its chairman, it was moved that monthly payments of borrowers be reduced from \$15 to \$10, and that loans not be made to pledges.

The recommendations of the Vice-President, that coupon books instead of railroad fare to national conventions be furnished alumnæ delegates, and that \$1.00 from the pledge fee, heretofore apportioned to scholarships for children, be transferred to the general treasury, were referred to the convention for action.

It was moved that, in accordance with expert advice, the fraternity sell all its present holdings and invest its capital in long term government bonds.

The Council voted that the Hera Head be awarded to Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon.

Active chapter discussions with the Province Presidents filled the remaining sessions until the Council adjourned on June 27 to meet with the national convention the next morning in Greencastle, Indiana.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1935

*Greencastle, Indiana; White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia;
Washington, D.C.*

The fraternity's Golden Jubilee was a progressive affair. Homecoming day was celebrated on June 26 in Greencastle with Alpha chapter. A special train then took the delegates and visitors to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where they spent three days at the Greenbrier

before going on to Washington for two more days of sightseeing and business.

Fifty-eight active chapters sent their delegates, as did all but one of the thirty-nine alumnæ chapters. The fraternity's four remaining Founders were the guests of the convention. Five past National Presidents attended, as well as many other past officers, and twenty-two alumnæ advisers. The complete registration numbered 441.

For the first time all routine reports, many of them involving statistical accounts, were presented to the convention body in mimeographed form, thus shortening the business sessions and providing a permanent record for each delegate. No business session was held on Homecoming day. Alpha presented the initiation ceremony in which twenty-seven pledges from sixteen chapters received full membership in Alpha Chi Omega. This was followed by the Memorial Service, honoring the deceased members since the 1930 convention.

The action taken by the National Council in 1934, changing the names of two of the fraternity's funds, was confirmed by the convention. The reserve became the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment fund in memory of its founder, and the loan fund was named in memory of Estelle McFarlane Dunkle.

Financial revisions accomplished by convention vote provided that members in arrears be placed on a suspended membership list after thirty days' warning, badges to be held in Central Office until satisfactory settlement be made; that alumnæ dues be \$1.00 annually, irrespective of club or chapter affiliation, and that the alumnæ club per capita tax be increased to \$1.00 to conform to the foregoing provision. The cost of initiation was lowered, by making the membership certificate come from the general treasury and by making optional the purchase of the *Directory*. The Council had already contracted with the L. G. Balfour Company to supply a less expensive standard badge. Two fellowships of \$300 each were voted to the MacDowell Association for the maintenance of artists at the colony during 1936-37.

It was voted to continue chapter programs in place of fraternity examinations until 1937, since it was felt that a year of trial was insufficient basis for decision as to the relative merits of the two systems. The tenure of office of alumnæ advisers was extended to two years. The word Alumnæ was deleted from the title of the National Vice-President. An officer was added to the Council, to be known as National Counsellor,

thus making two with this title. These travelling officers were given the work of the pledge chairman, the chapter house committee, and the committee on chaperons and social relations. These committees were eliminated, together with the office of national ritualist. It was voted that a national historian be made a standing committee chairman. The date for the appointment of all standing committees was changed from the close of convention to the first of September. Clauses in regard to inactivity were stricken from the constitution, and provision made that all undergraduate members be active members.

The invitation of the Intermountain Province to bring the national convention to Glacier National Park in 1937 was accepted. Coupon books for active delegates, as well as their railroad fare, will be furnished from the convention fund, by unanimous vote. Upon petition, the alumnae of Albion, Michigan, were reinstated as a club, having been inactive for several years.

The convention was larger in attendance, more elaborate in its social events, and offered more varied attractions for the visitors than had any previous national gathering. It fittingly celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the fraternity. Detailed accounts of its outstanding social features, and of its awards will be found in the closing chapter of this volume.

PROVINCE CONVENTIONS

When Province conventions were first started in 1921 they were purely experimental. The Province Presidents worked out the programs and conducted them as they saw fit. Topics under discussion had no uniformity, nor were they assigned in advance. But the conventions proved valuable and the four that were held in 1921 paved the way for future meetings.

1921

Eastern

The Eastern Province convention was the first held. It was entertained by Beta Beta at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 26-27, 1921. At the business session, talks were given on "Our Contemporaries," "Fraternity Examinations," "Chaperons and House Rules," and "Organized State Rushing." Round table discussion followed. The convention went on record as favoring an organized system of rushing for the Province, the details to be worked out by a commit-

tee. The national altruistic work was also endorsed and the convention voted to support it as a Province.

Helen Woods Barnum, Alpha, Eastern Province President, presided over the meetings at which 143 were present. On Saturday the convention attended the annual state luncheon and dance and an informal reception, and on Sunday went to Greencastle as guests of Alpha chapter.

Atlantic

The Atlantic Province convention met at Wallace Lodge, Yonkers, New York, April 8-9. Gamma Gamma served as hostess and the national officers present were Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, National President; Gretchen Gooch Troster, Iota, Inspector; Mary Emma Griffith, Lambda, Secretary-Editor; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, Panhellenic Delegate; and Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, Atlantic Province President.

At the business sessions, scholarships for children, ways of interesting alumnae, Alpha Chi Omega European tour, means of helping active chapters, Panhellenic interests, scholarship and activities, and rushing problems were discussed. The social program included a theater party, a trip around Greenwich Village, a tea at Furnald Hall, Columbia University, as guests of Gamma Gamma, and a banquet at Wallace Lodge.

Central

The first convention of the Central Province was held June 21-22, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. It was presided over by Martha Bennett, Gamma, Central Province President. At the two business sessions, round-table discussions were held on rushing, pledges, campus and chapter activities, house conditions, chaperons, program meetings, scholarship and local Panhellenic possibilities. Alpha Alpha was directed to administer the children's scholarship for the province during the ensuing year.

Social features arranged for the visitors and delegates included a theater party, a trip to Northwestern University, and a banquet.

Pacific

The first convention of the Pacific Province was held June 24-25, at Library Hall, Portland, Oregon. Presiding officers were Hazel Learned Sherrick, Rho, Pacific Province President, and Gretchen O'Donnell Starr, Rho, National Treasurer. A musicale and luncheon was followed

by an afternoon business session when talks were given on fraternity government and plans for improving scholarship. A picnic was planned for the evening with the Portland alumnæ club as hostess. Rushing and a review of Panhellenic questions were taken up on Sunday.

The installation of Alpha Kappa chapter was of outstanding interest on the convention program and the final gathering was the joint convention and installation banquet attended by more than one hundred Alpha Chi Omegas.

1923

Five Province conventions were held in 1923. These were characterized by greater attention to detail, more intensive preparation, and more business-like sessions. The same general topics were under discussion at all the conventions, including pledge organization, scholarship, house management, activities, and alumnæ relations. The Atlantic province held no meeting since it was to entertain the national convention the following year.

Central

The Central Province was entertained at Iota's chapter house in Urbana, Illinois, March 23-25. An open meeting in the afternoon was addressed by Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois and Grand President of Alpha Tau Omega.

Frances Whitmore, Xi, Council Delegate, presided and was assisted by Martha Bennett, Gamma, Province President and Dorothy Hunt, Gamma, Province Secretary.

A reception was given by the local alumnæ to Panhellenic guests. The convention banquet had sixty-five members in attendance.

Northern

The first convention of the Northern Province was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, April 6-7, with Xi and Kappa Kappa as hostess chapters. At the first session Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, Alumnæ Vice-President, addressed the convention and a paper was read on "The Ideal Chaperon" by Clara Wilson, a member of the social relationships committee. Initiation was then held for one of Xi's pledges.

Saturday, Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, Northern Province President, conducted a round-table for the actives, and Mrs. Roberts held a similar one for the alumnæ. A banquet was held that evening at the Lincoln Hotel at which eighty were present.

Southwestern

On April 6, seventy-seven Alpha Chi Omegas from Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado met at the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, in the first Southwestern Province convention.

Pearl Armitage Jamieson, Alpha, Province President, presided and was assisted by Ella Bainum, Phi, the Province secretary. The final session was given over to the initiation of three pledges by Psi and the installation of Rho Rho by Frances Whitmore, Xi, Council Delegate. The banquet Saturday evening formally closed the convention. Delegates and guests left Sunday morning for the University of Oklahoma where they were entertained at dinner by Psi chapter.

Pacific

The second meeting of the Pacific Province was held April 13-14, at Berkeley, California, with Pi and Theta Theta as hostesses. The delegates were guests in Pi's chapter house. Hazel Learned Sherrick, Rho, had charge of the convention and was assisted by Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, as local manager.

Dean Lucy Stebbins of the University of California was the principal speaker at the opening session. Friday evening model ceremonies were presented by Epsilon and Pi. The sessions Saturday were filled with round-table discussion. A formal banquet closed the convention. Other social features were a buffet luncheon, musicale, and tea given in honor of the visiting officers and delegates.

Eastern

The second convention of the Eastern Province met at Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 21-22, with about fifty members in attendance. Business sessions were held Saturday morning and afternoon, presided over by Marguerite Clark Miller, Theta, Eastern Province President. Informal talks were given by Alta Allen Loud, Beta, chairman of the reserve fund committee, and by Myrna Van Zandt Bennett, Phi, Extension Vice-President.

Luncheon on Saturday was served at the Michigan Union, where the banquet was held Saturday evening, followed by a dance. A faculty tea on Sunday afternoon at the chapter house closed the convention.

1925

In 1925, all provinces except the Northern and Pacific held conventions. One interesting item of discussion at all the meetings was the

proposed recognition of Marion Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, for her outstanding achievement in the development of the artist's colony at Peterborough, New Hampshire. All conventions voted that she should be given the fraternity's Distinguished Service Medal.

Eastern

The third Eastern Province convention gathered at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 28. Anne Franklin Goodyear, Theta, Province President, was assisted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate. The installation of Alpha Chi chapter at Butler University was a special feature of the convention.

After a morning session of business an installation luncheon took the place of the annual state luncheon, covers for 300 guests being laid. In the afternoon Alpha Chi was installed by Mrs. Van Auken. The Indiana state dance in the evening completed the program.

Central

The third convention of the Central Province was held in St. Louis, Missouri, March 13-14, with Alpha Zeta as hostess. The installation of the St. Louis alumnæ club as Sigma Sigma chapter was an outstanding event. Inez Shagelman Kriege, Alpha Zeta, Central Province President, directed all arrangements and Bonnidell Sisson Roberts, Omicron, was the national representative.

An automobile ride around the city, a reception, and the convention banquet comprised the social activities.

Atlantic

The second convention of the Atlantic province assembled at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., April 11, 1925. Business meetings were conducted by Barbara Wild Whittaker, Theta, president of the Province. The National Council was represented by Mary Emma Griffith Marshall, Lambda, Secretary-Editor, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Council Delegate.

The social program was of unusual interest. A reception by Mrs. Coolidge at the White House, a visit to the United States Treasury, inspection of the Corcoran Art Gallery and luncheon at the Clubhouse of the American Association of University Women occupied the early hours of the convention. The banquet was held Saturday evening. Events of Sunday were a sunrise Easter service on Temple Heights, a walk through Potomac Park, a visit to Arlington Cemetery and a tea

at the Central Office through the courtesy of Mrs. Marshall. A visit to the Capitol and to Mount Vernon followed the closing business session.

Southwestern

The Southwestern Province convened for the second time in Lawrence, Kansas, April 24 with Phi and Omicron as hostess chapters. Pearl Armitage Jamieson, Alpha, President of the Province, and Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, National Treasurer, presided.

The delegates were entertained at Phi's chapter house. A tea was given before the opening session, an initiation and banquet were held, and a visit was made to Omicron.

1927

Six conventions were held in 1927, only the Central Province being excused, as hostess to the coming national convention. The new national alumnæ program was the outstanding topic of discussion, and much alumnæ interest was aroused by means of these gatherings. For the first time, the southern chapters met as a separate unit.

Southern

The first Southern Province convention held its meetings in the Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, April 8-10. The installation of Beta Delta chapter was the outstanding event.

The first session was called to order by Addie Weltch Crosby, Tau, Southern Province President, and was an open meeting so that the Beta Delta girls could attend prior to their initiation. Dr. Chandler, President of William and Mary, extended a cordial welcome to the Southern Province and to the new chapter. Beta Delta was installed Friday evening by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, National President.

At the session Saturday morning the twenty-two new initiates were present and Dr. J. R. Geiger, professor of philosophy and psychology at William and Mary, gave an inspiring address.

A luncheon was given by President Chandler, a reception was held at the home of one of the patronesses, and the installation banquet closed the sessions.

Eastern

The fourth convention of the Eastern Province assembled at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, April 9-10 with Alpha Omicron and Alpha Sigma as hostess chapters. Anne Franklin Goodyear, Theta, president of the province, gave the opening address, followed by greetings from Hazel Eckhart, Theta, National Secretary-Editor.

Twenty-eight signed the convention register. An informal reception was given at Alpha Omicron's chapter house. A formal luncheon and a convention dance were also held.

Atlantic

The third Atlantic Province convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 14-17 with Alpha Epsilon and Pi Pi as hostesses. Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, Atlantic Province President, was the presiding officer. The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel served as headquarters. Dean Minnick of the School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania was the speaker of the opening session.

The social side of the convention included a musicale, a trip to Atlantic City returning to Philadelphia by moonlight, a bus trip to Valley Forge and Fairmont Park, the convention banquet, and a tea at Alpha Epsilon's chapter house.

Northern

The second Northern Province convention met in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 22. Alpha Theta and the Des Moines alumnæ club were hostesses. Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, National Treasurer, and Marion Whitmore Webster, Xi, Province President, were the officers of the convention.

The first meeting included a program of music and stunts. Social features were a luncheon at the chapter house and a formal banquet.

Southwestern

The third convention of the Southwestern Province was called to order by Flora Chess, Alpha Gamma, Province President, Friday evening, April 29 at Nu's house, Boulder, Colorado. Pearl Armitage Jamieson, Alpha, was the Council representative.

Panhellenic conditions were of especial interest and occasioned spirited discussion.

Pacific

The third convention of the Pacific Province was held in Seattle, Washington, May 5-7, with Rho and Iota Iota as hostesses and Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, Pacific Province President in the chair. Mrs. Winifred Haggett, Dean of Women, addressed the convention on fraternity women's position on the campus and their responsibilities as leaders to maintain high standards of conduct and accomplishments. The convention was entertained at the Junior Girls Vodvil on the campus followed by a fire-side at the chapter house. The delegates were taken on a scenic drive around Seattle, and the banquet Saturday evening served as a fitting conclusion.

1929

For the first time in 1929 the National President sent an outline of discussion topics to all the Province Presidents, prior to the conventions. Each delegate was thereupon assigned a definite part in the discussion, and all Provinces covered the same material. Also for the first time all the conventions were held in chapter houses, delegates and guests being lodged there, or with resident alumnæ. Thus the expense was reduced to a minimum and the gatherings gained greater unity, with its consequent better understanding. All were held in April so that the delegates could take advantage of spring holidays for the most part and so miss little college work.

Southern

The second convention of the Southern Province was held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 4-6, 1929, with Alpha Upsilon and Alpha Omega as hostesses. Elizabeth Rhodes, Alpha Epsilon, Council Delegate, and Addie Weltch Crosby, Tau, Province President, conducted the meetings which were devoted to the discussion of the responsibility of the Southern chapters in making Alpha Chi Omega's place in the South.

A house dance, Panhellenic reception, and a formal banquet held in Birmingham were the social events of the convention.

Central

The third convention of the Central Province was opened by Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, in Alpha's chapter house at Greencastle, Indi-

ana, on April 5. Four of the Founders of the fraternity were in attendance, Anna Allen Smith, Olive Burnett Clark, Bertha Deniston Cunningham, and Estelle Leonard. Hazel Eckhart, Theta, Editor, represented the Council. A most illuminating talk was given by Miss Eckhart on the altruistic, extension, and scholarship work of other fraternities.

Southwestern

The fourth convention of the Southwestern Province met with Xi in Lincoln, Nebraska, April 5-7. Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, Province President, was in charge of the business sessions. Marion Whitmore Webster, Xi, President of the Northern Province, and Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, National Treasurer were also present. The convention closed with a formal banquet.

Atlantic

The fourth convention of the Atlantic Province met in Syracuse, New York, at Lambda's chapter house on April 6-8, 1929. Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, the Province President and two Council members were present, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President and Lou Babcock, Beta, Alumnæ Vice-President. Each alumnæ and active chapter in the Province was represented. The complete registration was ninety-one. A bridge party was held at the chapter house Saturday evening. The convention had Saturday dinner at Krebs on Lake Skeneateles, which was followed by tea at the home of Mrs. Van Auken. A musical program, in which members of the group participated, made the occasion truly delightful. The convention closed with a formal banquet at the Hotel Syracuse the following evening.

Northcentral

The Northcentral Province met for its third convention at Iowa City, Iowa, with Sigma and the Iowa City alumnæ club as hostesses, April 19-20. An informal buffet supper was followed by an evening of stunts and music. The formal business of the convention followed in the next two days. Marion Whitmore Webster, Xi, presided, and Elizabeth Rhodes, Alpha Epsilon, Council Delegate, assisted. Eighteen delegates and visitors were in attendance, besides the resident Alpha Chi Omegas. The convention closed according to custom with a formal banquet.

Eastern

The Eastern Province held its fifth convention in Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 20-21. Theta welcomed delegates from the other chapters in the Province, and entertained them at an informal dance in the chapter house. Lou Babcock, Beta, National Vice-President represented the Council, and Fanny Inez Bell Norris, Psi, presided over the business sessions.

1931-1932

Discussion at the 1931-32 Province conventions centered about the following points: rushing, pledge organization, alumnæ coöperation, finances, Panhellenics, fraternity examinations, altruistic work, and chapter house problems. All Province Presidents assigned the topics in advance so that each delegate came prepared to give the benefit of her chapter experience to the gathering. The Southern Province did not hold its convention this year, due to the fact that it expected to entertain the national convention in 1933.

Atlantic

The fifth convention of the Atlantic Province met in Burlington, Vermont, at the home of Alpha Iota, October 16-18. Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, presided with Ethel Mead Van Auken. Lambda, and Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Phi, the Council representatives. The convention was welcomed by the president of the University of Vermont, and the dean of women. A musicale, a card party, and a Panhellenic tea were held at the chapter house honoring the officers present. The banquet at the Hotel Vermont fittingly closed the formal business of the convention, but a full day still awaited the seventy-six delegates and guests. A drive through the beautiful Green Mountains culminated in a dinner at Twist 'o Hill Lodge. When the chapter house was again reached, Founders' Day was celebrated by a short program, which included cutting the Alpha Chi Omega Dream Cake, a ceremony which originated with Alpha Iota and which has spread throughout the fraternity. The province scholarship cup was awarded for the first time, Alpha Epsilon receiving it.

Pacific

Three hundred Alpha Chi Omegas gathered November 14, 1931, in Los Angeles for the fourth convention of the Pacific Province. Epsi-

lon, Alpha Psi and Delta Delta were hostesses for the occasion, which was presided over by Mildred Lantz Masser, Pi. Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, and Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, were present, as was Janette Allen Cushman, Alpha Chi Omega's first Grand President. Dr. Frank C. Touton, Vice-President of the University of Southern California welcomed the convention. All guests attended the USC—Montana football game and the formal banquet, at which twenty-one chapters were represented. The scholarship cup of the Province was presented to Alpha Kappa. The convention closed with a Panhellenic tea in Alpha Psi's house.

Northcentral

Alpha Pi was hostess to the fourth convention of the Northcentral Province, which met in Grand Forks, North Dakota, November 6-9, 1931. Mayme Wilson Havenhill, Phi, presided with Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, in attendance.

The delegates and officers were entertained at luncheon by Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. A formal reception was held by Alpha Pi chapter as was a bridge party for the delegates and Panhellenic guests. Delta Delta Delta entertained at open house, as did Alpha Phi. An informal evening of playlets and dates followed. The convention closed with a formal banquet, at which the award of the Province scholarship cup was made for the first time, Sigma receiving it.

Northwest

The first convention of the Northwest Province was entertained by Omega, November 6-8, 1931. Faythe Santway Nunemaker, Lambda, presided, and Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, Alumnae Vice-President, represented the National Council. The visitors attended a college review, a football game, and the formal banquet. The Province scholarship cup was awarded to Rho.

Southwestern

The fifth convention of the Southwestern Province was held in the home of Alpha Gamma at Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 6-8, with Ruth Miller Winsor, Phi, presiding. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, led many of the discussions. The convention visited Isleta, an interesting Indian village; a Panhellenic tea was given by Kappa Kappa Gamma; a tea dance at the Alpha Chi Omega house preceded the formal banquet which closed the conven-

tion. The scholarship cup was awarded to Alpha Gamma. A picnic dinner in Tijeras Canyon followed the next day.

Central

Theodora Mitchell McLaughlin, Gamma, Province secretary, opened the sessions of the fourth Central Province convention at Gamma's chapter house in Evanston, Illinois, December 3, 1931. Theodora Maltbie Collins, Rho, Editor, and Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha, Secretary, were the national officers in attendance. Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, Province President, conducted the remainder of the convention. One hundred and fifty-two members enjoyed a theater party, and the formal banquet, which was followed by a bridge party. The Province scholarship cup was awarded to Alpha Beta.

Eastern

The Eastern Province met for the fifth time at the home of Beta Epsilon in East Lansing, Michigan, April 15-17, 1932. Laura Craft Reid, Theta, was assisted by Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, and Thelma Maltbie Collins, Rho, National Editor. The social events included a stunt and bridge night, a Panhellenic tea and the formal banquet. The Province scholarship cup was awarded to Beta.

1933-34

The topics of discussion for the 1933-34 Province conventions were sent to the Province Presidents by the National Council at the beginning of the school year. The points covered included the characteristics of the ideal chapter, rushing, pledge training, the alumna adviser and her work, alumnæ coöperation with active chapters, activities, scholarship, finances, Panhellenic problems, mothers' clubs, changes in the Constitution and Code, and plans for the 1935 convention. The individual characteristics of the separate conventions follow.

Southern

The third convention of the Southern Province was presided over by De Ette Jones Mitchell, Beta Delta, Province President. It assembled at Beta Eta's chapter house, Tallahassee, Florida, October 28-29, 1933. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, and Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, were present as the representatives of the National Council. Mrs. Charlotte Beeckham, dean of women, greeted the convention, and gave a tea for the visitors. A reception honoring the officers was held at

the chapter house. Following the formal banquet, skits were given for the entertainment of the guests at the chapter house. The following day a trip to Wakulla Springs proved most interesting. The Province scholarship cup was awarded to Beta Eta, who had received it the year before also.

Northwestern and Pacific

November 10-11, 1933, saw the Pacific and Northwestern Provinces assembled at Pi chapter house, with Pi, Theta Theta, and Alpha Beta Alpha as hostesses. Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Alumnæ Vice-President, was the Council representative. The sessions were conducted by Betty Hills Erickson, Rho, and Mildred Lantz Masser, Pi, Province Presidents. Miss Margaret Beattie, assistant dean of women at the University of California welcomed the delegates.

The usual discussion sessions were interspersed with social affairs which helped to promote better understanding among the delegates and guests. An informal dance, football game, and a formal banquet were held, as well as a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Donald followed by a drive around San Francisco. The Province cups were awarded to Beta Zeta and Epsilon.

An interstate alumnæ meeting was held concurrently with the convention, which was presided over by Mrs. Donald.

Southwestern

Ruth Miller Winsor, Phi, Province President, called together the Southwestern Province for the sixth convention, November 17-18, at Norman, Oklahoma, in Psi's home.

Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, and Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, represented the Council. Dean Edna McDaniels of the University of Oklahoma welcomed the convention. The usual discussion proved of value to all present. A Panhellenic tea honoring the Alpha Chi Omega visitors was held in the Women's Building. The formal banquet was held at the Oklahoma City Country Club with 104 in attendance. Phi was announced as the winner of the Province scholarship cup. The next morning an initiation ceremony was held for several pledges of Alpha Psi.

Great Lakes—Central

The Great Lakes and Central Provinces held a joint convention at Urbana, Illinois, March 9-11, 1934. Iota and Tau Tau acted as

hostesses. A formal tea in honor of the National President, Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, opened the convention. Other officers present were Theodora Maltbie Collins, Rho, National Editor; Marion Tabor Robinson, Rho, President of the Great Lakes Province, and Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, Central Province President. Two Founders attended the convention, Olive Burnett Clark and Bertha Deniston Cunningham. One hundred and fifty-three members heard Dr. Arthur Daniels, acting president of the University of Illinois give the opening address. Dean Maria Leonard spoke to the group on the responsibility of the fraternity to freshman women. The discussions of the convention were interspersed with social events. A tea at the home of President Daniels was especially delightful. Scholarship cups were awarded at the formal banquet to Beta and Alpha Omicron. An evening of skits and frolic followed the banquet.

Intermountain

March 24-26, 1934, encompassed the first meeting of the Intermountain Province, as well as the installation of Beta Nu at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The new chapter acted as hostess. Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Florence Wittwer Oakes, Xi, and Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, were the installing officers, and the leaders of the convention. The installation was followed by a banquet at which seventy-nine were present. A formal reception in the Ball Room of the University Union Building was given by Beta Nu for more than six hundred guests. The province scholarship cup was awarded for the first time, Beta Kappa receiving it.

Atlantic

The sixth convention of the Atlantic Province was called to order by Ruth Campbell, Beta Iota, President, on March 30, 1934. The sessions were held in the University of Toronto Women's Club, with Beta Iota and Psi Psi as hostesses. Mrs. G. T. Scroggy, Kappa Alpha Theta, the president of the Toronto Alumnæ Panhellenic, and Mrs. Gerald T. Brigden, the National Vice-President of Alpha Gamma Delta welcomed the visitors, among whom were Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President, and Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, National Treasurer.

Informal discussion of the usual problems fully occupied the sessions. A reception, a luncheon at the Granite Athletic Club, and the

formal banquet at the Royal York followed by music and cards were enjoyed by the seventy-five guests in attendance. The scholarship cup of the Province was awarded to Eta. The convention closed with a high tea in the apartment of Beta Iota.

Northcentral

Marion Whitmore Webster, Xi, presided at the fifth convention of the Northcentral Province held April 14-15 at Alpha Lambda's chapter house in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Representatives of the National Council were Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, and Mildred Blacklidge, Alpha. Eighty-nine guests were present, who profited by the discussions, and enjoyed the social features including a tour of the city, an informal house dance, a Panhellenic tea and the formal banquet.

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WE, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for scholarship, for the guardianship of good health, for whole-hearted coöperation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards and the serving, to the best of our ability, our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of alumnæ days is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity alumnæ members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in the chapter house and dormitory and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Coöperation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges, but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

Panhellenic Relations

FOR many years contacts between fraternities on every college campus consisted largely of inimical acts—rivalry which all too often showed itself in open warfare. Pledges and even initiates were “lifted,” records stolen, houses and club rooms broken into by members of other organizations. Anti-fraternity legislation on the part of some institutions and adverse public opinion which this lawlessness created gradually brought about the conviction that coöperation was not only desirable but imperative. With the growth of the fraternity system these practices tended to diminish and finally to disappear altogether. Fraternities found it to their advantage to work together, more especially since it gradually was realized that the objects and practices of all were pointed along identical lines.

Need for some central organization, some organ of expression for the fraternities collectively, made itself felt long before the creation of such a body. As early as 1883 representatives of several groups met in Philadelphia to discuss matters of mutual interest. This movement received much editorial comment in fraternity journals, being called the “Panhellenic Council,” with the result that some of the desired ends were accomplished. On many campuses compacts were drawn up or tacit agreements were made in regard to the pledging and initiation of students, and many Panhellenic banquets were held. No further general meeting occurred until the World’s Fair in Chicago in 1893, when another abortive attempt was made to form a permanent interfraternity organization. This finally materialized in 1909, when twenty-six Greek-letter organizations sent delegates to New York City to form the Interfraternity Conference. This body has met annually for the discussion of common problems. Outstanding men in educational and business circles have represented their individual groups, and their constructive ideas and mutual confidence have contributed much to the progress which the conference has made and the good which it has been able to accomplish in the fraternity world.

Although the women’s societies were younger, fewer in number, less widely distributed, and far weaker in organization than those of the men, their attempts at general union met with earlier success. At the

call of Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1891 a Panhellenic convention was held in Boston, attended by delegates from seven women's fraternities, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, and Delta Delta Delta. Two years later, many of them attended the meeting held by the men at the World's Fair. In 1902, the first Intersorority Conference met in Chicago, called together by Mrs. Margaret Mason Whitney, Grand President of Alpha Phi. Provision was made for annual conferences (biennial since 1915) to be called by the fraternities in rotation. From the discussion came recommendations for rushing including a deferred pledge day and written "bids." In 1903 the Conference agreed that no student should be pledged before matriculation, and that local Panhellenic associations should be formed on campuses where there were chapters of the fraternities represented at the Conference. The following year an official roster was adopted and rotation of office established. Each fraternity agreed to instruct its chapters that "the purpose of the different Panhellenic associations is not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse, but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of intersorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils." Not until 1905 was a constitution adopted, and a national fraternity defined as one having at least five chapters, all in institutions of collegiate rank. At the 1906 Conference the constitution was revised, one for local Panhellenics was worked out, and high school sororities were condemned. The next year the conclave recommended that pledging be deferred until the sophomore year. This plan was carried out for a few years until it was realized that delay only augmented the evils which it was designed to prevent. The Conference thereupon reversed its policy, and recommended speedy pledging following a short, early rushing period (1926). The name of the organization was changed to the National Panhellenic Conference in 1908, and again in 1911 to the National Panhellenic Congress. The new constitution which was adopted under the final name embodied the powers which the organization had acquired in the nine years of its existence; the right to admit to membership petitioning fraternities, to levy annual dues on its members, to settle local Panhellenic difficulties, and to advise local Panhellenics on any problems. In the interim between meetings the administration was placed in the hands of an executive committee of three officers.

Under the new constitution, the Congress took a firmer stand in

enforcing its recommendations. The next important action came in 1913 when the Congress legislated against the high school sororities which it had condemned seven years earlier. Because of misinterpretation of this legislation, a second recommendation was passed in 1915 that "no girl who, after January 1916, becomes a member of any organization bearing a Greek name or called a sorority or fraternity is eligible for any N.P.C. fraternity." This ruling held until 1921 when the Congress rescinded its recommendation, simply reiterating its disapproval of high school organizations. Uniform scholarship reports were adopted in 1914, to the end that a Panhellenic average might eventually be established as prerequisite to initiation. An editors' conference was held at this same time for the purpose of improving fraternity journals, which were regularly exchanged by all members of the Congress. Syndicated advertising was investigated and eventually adopted as an outgrowth of this meeting. Likewise, the mutual interchange of ideas was found to be stimulating, so the custom of holding an editors' conference was continued as a part of all subsequent National Panhellenic gatherings. *Banta's Greek Exchange* was made the official organ of the Congress, by unanimous agreement.

A definite scholastic initiation average was made compulsory in 1917. Two years later permanent social service projects were recommended for all fraternities following the precedent set by their war-time activities. Another important action of this meeting was the adoption of a brief expression of the standards of ethical conduct which are obligatory for every fraternity woman.

1. That in case of Panhellenic difficulties all chapters involved do their utmost to restore harmony and to *prevent publicity*, both in the college and city community.

2. That any national Panhellenic fraternity whom a local is petitioning shall insist that such a group conform to college Panhellenic conditions as to pledging, etc., where it is established.

3. That national Panhellenic fraternity chapters unite in assisting local groups in colleges and universities to obtain national charters.

4. That visiting officers of national Panhellenic fraternities shall be expected not to interfere with regular routine work of the college but, on the contrary, that they shall encourage chapters to keep the college business day free from social engagements.

5. That it is beneath the standards of fraternity women:

(a) To speak disparagingly of any fraternity or any college woman.

(b) To create any feeling between fraternity and nonfraternity women.

(c) To allow an account of minor social functions to appear in the public press.



PANHELLENIC BADGES

6. That National Panhellenic fraternities shall impress upon their members that they shall respect and obey the letter and the spirit of any agreement which has been made either by the college Panhellenic or by the fraternities through National Panhellenic.

Regulations for college Panhellenics were adopted in 1921, and an educational program for them to follow was mapped out. Improvement of social relations and scholastic standards were the main items which concerned the 1923 Congress. Since that time the organization has bent its efforts toward cooperating with college authorities, eliminating the evils of the rushing season, and improving all fraternity life. National Panhellenic acts in an advisory capacity to the college Panhellenics, and when necessary, settles any fraternity friction which the local organization is unable to smooth out. The college Panhellenics work out and carry on their own programs, free from supervision so long as they adhere to the Panhellenic Compact. This agreement was passed by affirmative vote of every fraternity in National Panhellenic, so is binding on every member of N.P.C. fraternities.

PANHELLENIC COMPACT

1. No student shall be asked to join a fraternity before she has matriculated.
2. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.
3. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national fraternities in each college where chapters of two or more fraternities exist.
4. Pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the College Panhellenic.
5. Students in a university summer school are ineligible for fraternity pledging.
6. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year.

At the St. Louis Congress, in 1931, National Panhellenic ratified this interpretation of section 6:

"A pledge expires at the end of one calendar year." This means a pledge is binding for one calendar year, to the extent that a girl may not be pledged to any other national fraternity during that year. For example: if a girl pledged September 15, 1929, failed to make her grades or fulfill the requirements for initiation, her pledge expired on September 15, 1930, when she is eligible for pledging to any fraternity.

In 1934 the committee further interpreted this section thus: "As the actual date of pledging, by College Panhellenic rules, may vary from fall to fall, the calendar year means the time between one fall pledge day and the next fall pledge day. For example: if the 1933 pledge day was September 15, and the 1934 pledge day was September 12, the calendar year under rule 6 would be considered ended on September 12, 1934."

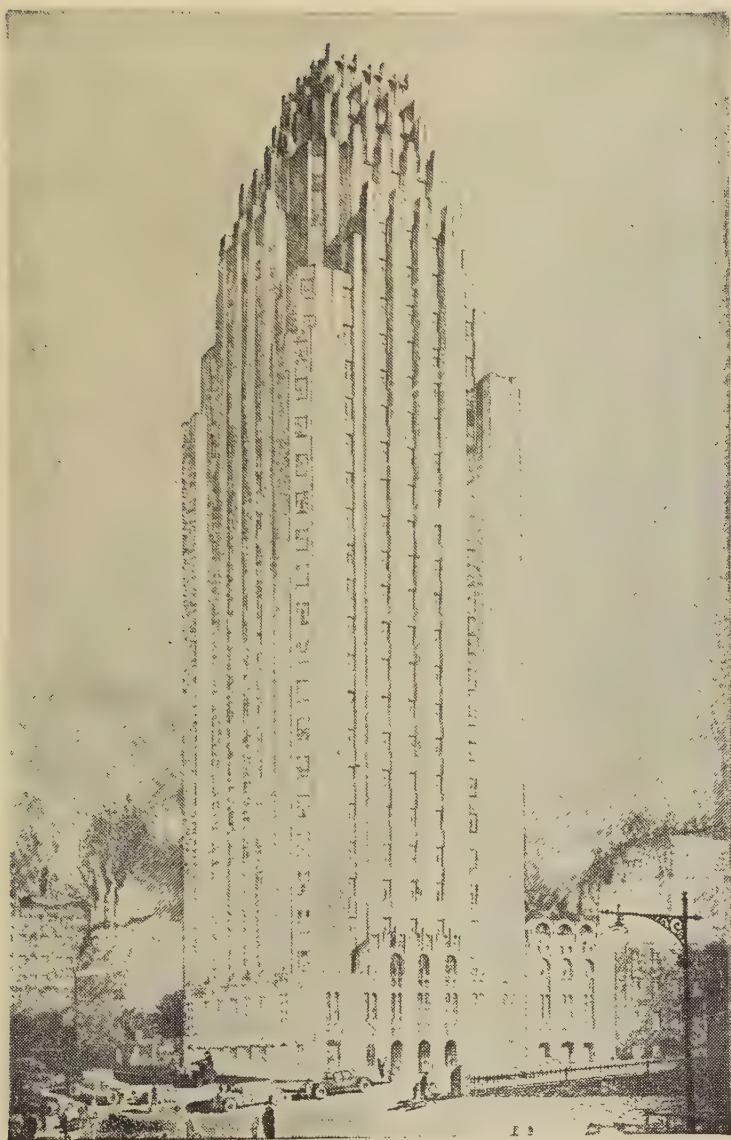
7. A girl who breaks her pledge with, or resigns from one fraternity, shall not be asked to join another for one calendar year.

At the St. Louis congress in 1931, National Panhellenic ratified this interpretation of section 7:

"A pledge holds good no matter on what campus the girl may be, the one on which she is pledged or a transfer choice. For example: if a girl pledged September 15, 1929, is released by the chapter at any time prior to September 15, 1930, or if she, herself, breaks her pledge, she is then not eligible for pledging to a fraternity group until one calendar year from the day on which her pledge was released or broken, and this regulation holds good no matter on what campus the girl may be, the one on which she pledged or a transfer choice."

Associated with the National Panhellenic Congress are city Panhellenic organizations. Their chief motivating factor was the desire of fraternity women in any given community for contact with others having the same background and interest. In 1913 the Congress appointed a committee on city Panhellenics, to care for the many appeals which had come in for help in organization and suggestions for programs. These city groups have no set universal plan or purpose. Some are for social contact only; others, the great majority, are active in civic affairs, philanthropy or educational projects. "One of the most important functions of a city Panhellenic is to serve as a means and opportunity to disseminate authentic information which will react favorably for the cause of Greekdom and to demonstrate that Panhellenic has a high and lofty purpose. This latter is at times almost lost sight of in college communities where petty misunderstandings are often given unfortunate publicity. An *alumnæ* point of view can do much to counteract such impressions, and to foster a right understanding of the mutual aims and accomplishments of fraternities. City Panhellenics also should make themselves a force in combating the present day anti-fraternity agitation through wisely edited publicity which stresses the value and worth of fraternities rather than the social activities of individual members and groups." The National Panhellenic Congress has formulated rules for the organization and guidance of city Panhellenics. These may be obtained, together with suggestions for projects and ways and means of carrying them out on application to the committee on city Panhellenics, or the National Panhellenic Delegate.

Through an individual city organization, all National Panhellenic fraternities have sponsored a concrete project which has proved of national interest. The *alumnæ* groups resident in New York City formed a city Panhellenic in 1920, which elected to try to better housing conditions. The result of its early plans is today the Beekman Tower (Panhellenic). All the fraternities represented in the New York association



BEEKMAN TOWER (PANHELLENIC)

sold stock in the building, which was planned as a moderate priced hotel for fraternity women only. Completed in 1928, the Panhellenic House, as it was then called, opened its doors on Mitchell Place and First Avenue at Forty-ninth Street, overlooking the East River. The



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Panhellenic Delegate

building was at that time one of the show places of the city, with its modernistic decorations and furnishings. In 1932, the policy of the hotel was changed, so that both men and women were admitted. This was done that it might function better as a business proposition. The change in name was made in 1934, because of the impression on the part of the public, created by the name Panhellenic, that the hotel was restricted to fraternity members. After all, the hotel is a real estate venture. The national fraternities owning stock, without which the project could not have been carried through, felt that they should realize some financial return on their original investment. The Beekman Tower (Panhellenic) continues to serve

as the women's fraternity center in New York, functioning as a meeting place for alumnæ and active members of all women's fraternities.

Alpha Chi Omega has coöperated to the fullest extent of its ability in supporting the recommendations of the National Panhellenic Congress, and has scrupulously adhered to the Panhellenic Compact. Experienced officers have always been sent to the meetings of the Congress, that the best thought and greatest background of fraternity knowledge might be brought to bear on the problems confronting all national organizations. In 1919 Alpha Chi Omega took its most progressive step in this connection, by legislating that the chairman of the committee on Panhellenic relations should serve as a long term delegate to the Con-

gress. Since then, only one change has been made. Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, who was the incumbent when the long term was inaugurated, resigned in 1925. Her office was filled by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, who has served ever since in this important capacity, bringing a wealth of experience and an intellectual capacity far above the average to cope with the problems of the Panhellenic world. No one is more ably fitted to summarize the purpose and the value of the National Panhellenic at the present time than Mrs. Brown. "The National Panhellenic is the organization of women's fraternities which coöperate in maintaining and developing finer interfraternity spirit and better relations with the college world. Its purpose specifically stated is: To maintain on a high plane fraternity life and interfraternity relationships, to coöperate with college authorities in their efforts to maintain high social and scholarship standards throughout the whole college, and to be a forum for the discussion of questions of interest to the college and fraternity world. In its strictly advisory capacity, the Panhellenic is constantly giving constructive help in solving present-day problems and needs. Valuable surveys are made investigating definite conditions or situations. Through its standing committees the organization and its member fraternities are kept fully and accurately informed on developments relative to fraternity life.

"There are values of great significance from this association which are more intangible. The exchange of experiences and methods of handling administrative problems is often found to be of real practical help. The understanding and friendship which it fosters is reflected in the individual fraternities and their relationships one with another. The influence which comes from united effort and thought is immeasurable. The widening of fraternity horizons and the nearer approach to the ideal of life is manifested in Panhellenism."

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS MEETINGS

No.	Date	Place	Frats.	Chairman	A X Ω Delegate
1.	May 24, 1902	Chicago	7	Mrs. Whitney, A Φ	Mabel Siller
2.	Sept. 19, 1903	St. Louis	9	Mrs. Norton, K A Θ	
3.	Sept. 16-17, 1904	Chicago	9	Miss Telling, Δ Γ	
4.	Sept. 15-16, 1905	Chicago	11	Miss Olgen, Δ Δ Δ	Mary Jones Tennant
5.	Sept. 14, 1906	Chicago	12	Mrs. Leib, A Ξ Δ	Mary Jones Tennant
6.	Sept. 13, 1907	Chicago	12	Miss Holcombe, X Ω	Mary Jones Tennant
7.	Sept. 11, 1908	Chicago	12	Miss Lytle, Π B Φ	Mary Jones Tennant
8.	Sept. 17-18, 1909	Chicago	14	Miss Green, K A Θ	Mary Jones Tennant
9.	Sept. 16-17, 1910	Chicago	16	Mrs. Roth, K K Γ	Mary Jones Tennant
10.	Nov. 3-4, 1911	Evanston	16	Miss Lake, Δ Γ	Lois Smith Crann
11.	Oct. 17-19, 1912	Chicago	18	Mrs. McElroy, A Φ	Lois Smith Crann
12.	Oct. 16-18, 1913	Chicago	18	Miss Thompson, Γ Φ B	Lois Smith Crann
13.	Oct. 15, 1914	New York	18	Mrs. Crann, A X Ω	Lois Smith Crann
14.	Aug. 12, 1915	Berkeley	18	Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ	Leigh Stafford Foulds
15.	Oct. 24-27, 1917	Chicago	18	Miss Baldwin, A Ξ Δ	Nella Ramsdell Fall
16.	Oct. 16-18, 1919	Washington	18	Mrs. Collins, X Ω	Nella Ramsdell Fall
17.	Oct. 26-29, 1921	Indianapolis	18	Mrs. Weston, Σ K	Nella Ramsdell Fall
18.	Oct. 17-20, 1923	Boston	18	Mrs. McCausland, A O Π	Nella Ramsdell Fall
19.	Jan. 4-8, 1926	Dallas	19	Dr. Hopkins, Z Γ A	Beatrice Herron Brown
20.	Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 1928	Boston	20	Miss Leonard, A Γ Δ	Nella Ramsdell Fall
21.	Feb. 24-28, 1930	Denver	21	Miss Tapp, A Δ Π	Beatrice Herron Brown
22.	Oct. 27-30, 1931	St. Louis	21	Miss Smith, Δ Z	Beatrice Herron Brown
23.	Oct. 12-14, 1933	Chicago	23	Mrs. Rader, Φ M	Beatrice Herron Brown
24.	Dec. 6-8, 1935	Gulf Port	23	Mrs. Redd, K Δ	Beatrice Herron Brown

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC FRATERNITIES 1935

Name	Year Admitted to N.P.C.	Number of College Chapters	Number of Alumnae Groups
Alpha Chi Omega	1902	58	92
Alpha [*] Delta Pi	1909	59	117
Alpha Delta Theta	1926	19	42
Alpha [*] Gamma Delta	1909	45	57
Alpha Omicron Pi	1905	43	45
Alpha [*] Phi	1902	36	64
Alpha Xi Delta	1904	36	48
Beta Phi Alpha	1924	30	30
Beta Sigma Omicron	1933	21	35
Chi Omega	1904	88	90
Delta Delta Delta	1902	87	135
Delta Gamma	1902	47	96
Delta Zeta	1910	48	112
Gamma Phi Beta	1902	47	68
Kappa Alpha Theta	1902	63	111
Kappa Delta	1912	66	100
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1902	71	116
Phi Mu	1911	56	64
Phi Omega Pi	1933	20	35
Pi Beta Phi	1902	79	162
Sigma Kappa	1905	45	67
Theta Upsilon	1928	29	58
Zeta Tau Alpha	1909	59	56
		1152	1800

PANHELLENIC CAMPUSES

<i>Number of N.P.C. Groups</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
9	Adelphi College	Garden City, New York
2	Adrian College	Adrian, Michigan
5	University of Akron	Akron, Ohio
14	University of Alabama	University, Alabama
3	Alabama Polytechnic Institute	Auburn, Alabama
4	University of Alberta	Edmonton, Alberta
5	Albion College	Albion, Michigan
6	Allegheny College	Meadville, Pennsylvania
10	University of Arizona	Tucson, Arizona
1	Arkansas College	Batesville, Arkansas
7	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, Arkansas
5	Baker University	Baldwin, Kansas
1	Baldwin-Wallace College	Berea, Ohio
4	Beloit College	Beloit, Wisconsin
4	Bethany College	Bethany, West Virginia
7	Birmingham-Southern University	Birmingham, Alabama
10	Boston University	Boston, Massachusetts
10	Brenau College	Gainesville, Georgia
8	University of British Columbia	Vancouver, British Columbia
2	Brooklyn College	Brooklyn, New York
6	Bucknell University	Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
2	University of Buffalo	Buffalo, New York
12	Butler University	Indianapolis, Indiana
23	University of California	Berkeley, California
23	University of California	Los Angeles, California
3	Centenary College	Shreveport, Louisiana
4	College of Charleston	Charleston, South Carolina
3	University of Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tennessee
13	Cincinnati University	Cincinnati, Ohio
6	Coe College	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
6	Colby College	Waterville, Maine
4	Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colorado
5	Colorado State College	Fort Collins, Colorado
11	University of Colorado	Boulder, Colorado
12	Cornell University	Ithaca, New York
1	Culver-Stockton College	Canton, Missouri
2	Dalhousie University	Halifax, Nova Scotia
7	Denison University	Granville, Ohio
9	University of Denver	Denver, Colorado
10	De Pauw University	Greencastle, Indiana
4	Dickinson College	Carlisle, Pennsylvania
7	Drake University	Des Moines, Iowa
4	Drury College	Springfield, Missouri
10	Duke University	Durham, North Carolina
1	Eureka College	Eureka, Illinois
16	Florida State College	Tallahassee, Florida
4	Franklin College	Franklin, Indiana
10	George Washington University	Washington, D.C.
6	University of Georgia	Athens, Georgia
1	Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky
8	Goucher College	Baltimore, Maryland
2	Hanover College	Hanover, Indiana
3	Hillsdale College	Hillsdale, Michigan
6	Howard College	Birmingham, Alabama

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<i>Groups</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
6	Hunter College	New York, New York
8	University of Idaho	Moscow, Idaho
23	University of Illinois	Urbana, Illinois
5	Illinois Wesleyan University	Bloomington, Illinois
16	University of Indiana	Bloomington, Indiana
12	Iowa State College	Ames, Iowa
16	University of Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
4	Iowa Wesleyan College	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
4	Jackson College (Tufts)	Medford, Massachusetts
11	Kansas State College	Manhattan, Kansas
12	University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas
9	University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky
5	Knox College	Galesburg, Illinois
2	Lake Forest University	Lake Forest, Illinois
8	Lawrence College	Appleton, Wisconsin
2	Louisiana Polytechnic Institute	Ruston, Louisiana
9	University of Louisiana	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
6	University of Louisville	Louisville, Kentucky
5	University of Maine	Orono, Maine
9	University of Manitoba	Winnipeg, Manitoba
1	Marietta College	Marietta, Ohio
6	University of Maryland	College Park, Maryland
5	McGill University	Montreal, Canada
10	Miami University	Oxford, Ohio
11	Michigan State College	East Lansing, Michigan
17	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Michigan
6	Middlebury College	Middlebury, Vermont
5	Millikin University	Decatur, Illinois
5	Millsaps College	Jackson, Mississippi
21	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota
7	University of Mississippi	Oxford, Mississippi
13	University of Missouri	Columbia, Missouri
3	Monmouth College	Monmouth, Illinois
6	Montana State College	Bozeman, Montana
11	University of Montana	Missoula, Montana
4	Mt. Union College	Alliance, Ohio
19	University of Nebraska	Lincoln, Nebraska
4	Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln, Nebraska
6	University of Nevada	Reno, Nevada
10	Newcomb College	New Orleans, Louisiana
1	New England Conservatory	Boston, Massachusetts
6	University of New Hampshire	Durham, New Hampshire
6	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, New Mexico
3	New York University	New York, New York
2	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
6	North Dakota State College	Fargo, North Dakota
11	University of North Dakota	Grand Forks, North Dakota
18	Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois
19	Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio
9	Ohio University	Athens, Ohio
19	Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware, Ohio
3	Oglethorpe University	Atlanta, Georgia
9	Oklahoma State College	Stillwater, Oklahoma
16	University of Oklahoma	Norman, Oklahoma

<i>Number of N.P.C. Groups</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
16	Oregon State College	Corvallis, Oregon
19	University of Oregon	Eugene, Oregon
8	Pennsylvania State	State College, Pennsylvania
10	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
11	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
9	Purdue University	LaFayette, Indiana
6	Queens College	Charlotte, North Carolina
14	Randolph Macon	Lynchburg, Virginia
3	Rhode Island State	Kingston, Rhode Island
7	Rollins College	Winter Park, Florida
5	Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa
8	University of South Carolina	Columbia, South Carolina
6	University of South Dakota	Vermilion, South Dakota
10	University of Southern California	Los Angeles, California
14	Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Texas
3	Southwestern University	Georgetown, Texas
5	Southwestern University	Memphis, Tennessee
5	St. Lawrence University	Canton, New York
10	Stanford University	Palo Alto, California
4	Stetson University	Deland, Florida
14	Syracuse University	Syracuse, New York
1	Temple University	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9	University of Tennessee	Knoxville, Tennessee
13	University of Texas	Austin, Texas
11	University of Toronto	Toronto, Ontario
3	University of Tulsa	Tulsa, Oklahoma
4	Transylvania College	Lexington, Kentucky
1	Union University	Jackson, Tennessee
4	Utah State Agricultural College	Logan, Utah
9	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
5	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tennessee
6	University of Vermont	Burlington, Vermont
2	University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Virginia
5	Washburn College	Topeka, Kansas
14	Washington State College	Pullman, Washington
23	University of Washington	Seattle, Washington
10	Washington University	St. Louis, Missouri
1	University of Western Ontario	London, Ontario
6	Westminster College	New Wilmington, Pennsylvania
10	University of West Virginia	Morgantown, West Virginia
5	Whitman College	Walla Walla, Washington
1	William Jewell College	Liberty, Missouri
9	William and Mary	Williamsburg, Virginia
20	University of Wisconsin	Madison, Wisconsin
7	Wittenberg College	Springfield, Ohio
6	University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming

CHAPTERS OF NATIONAL PANHELLENIC FRATERNITIES WHICH ALPHA CHI OMEGA MEETS

ΑΧΩ	College	ΑΔΠ	ΑΔΘ	ΑΓΔ	ΑΟΠ	ΑΦ	ΑΕΔ	ΒΦΑ	ΒΣΟ	ΧΩ	ΑΔΔ	ΔΓ	ΔΖ	ΓΦΒ	ΚΑΘ	ΚΔ	ΚΚΓ	ΦΜ	ΦΩΠ	ΠΒΦ	ΣΚ	ΘΤ	ΖΤΑ	Total
A	De Pauw			x	x	x					x		x		x		x						x	8
B	Albion						x																x	18
Γ	Northwestern			x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	6
Δ	Allegheny																		x					1
E	Southern California	x	x	x							x	x	x		x					x			x	13
Z	N.E. Conservatory								x															6
Θ	Bucknell										x		x			x		x						17
I	Michigan	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	23
K	Illinois	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	19
Λ	Wisconsin	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						x	19
M	Syracuse																							10
N	Simpson								x		x	x	x		x		x							19
Ξ	Colorado	x			x	x	x			x	x	x	x		x		x						x	5
Ο	Nebraska		x																					10
Π	Baker	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	23
Σ	California	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
T	Washington (Seattle)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	10
Τ	Iowa	x	x	x							x	x	x		x									5
Φ	Brenau	x	x	x							x	x	x									x	x	12
X	James Millikin										x			x	x	x	x			x	x			13
Ψ	Kansas	x		x	x					x	x	x		x	x		x			x	x			14
Ω	Oregon State	x		x	x			x		x	x	x		x	x		x		x					7
ΑΒ	Oklahoma					x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x		x		x					13
ΑΓ	Washington State	x		x	x					x	x	x		x		x				x			x	14
ΑΔ	Purdue		x								x				x			x		x				11
ΑΕ	New Mexico										x													5
ΑΖ	Cincinnati		x								x			x		x	x	x					x	11
ΑΗ	Pennsylvania				x			x			x				x									11
ΑΘ	Washington (St. Louis)										x			x	x					x			x	10
ΑΙ	Mt. Union										x													4
ΑΚ	Vermont										x				x									6
ΑΛ	Oregon	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x			x	18
ΑΜ	Minnesota	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	21
ΑΝ	Indiana	x		x					x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x					16
ΑΞ	Missouri	x				x				x	x	x			x		x			x			x	13
ΑΟ	Montana	x					x				x	x	x		x		x							10
ΑΩ	Ohio State	x	x				x	x			x	x	x		x		x			x		x	x	19
ΑΡ	North Dakota										x	x	x		x					x				10
ΑΣ	Idaho					x					x	x	x		x		x			x				8
ΑΤ	Ohio Wesleyan	x		x				x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	18
ΑΥ	New Hampshire										x													6
ΑΦ	Alabama	x		x		x	x				x	x		x		x	x	x			x	x	x	14
ΑΧ	Texas	x									x				x		x	x						12
ΑΨ	Butler				x						x	x	x		x		x	x						10
ΑΩ	Univ. of Calif. at Los Angeles	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	23
ΒΓ	Birmingham-Southern				x										x					x				7
ΒΔ	Louisiana	x							x	x	x		x				x							8
ΒΕ	William and Mary									x	x			x	x	x	x							9
ΒΖ	Michigan State			x	x	x	x				x				x		x			x			x	11
ΒΗ	Whitman										x	x												5
ΒΘ	Florida State	x		x				x	x				x							x	x	x	x	16
ΒΙ	Lawrence	x										x												8
ΒΚ	Toronto		x	x	x									x	x					x				11
ΒΛ	Wyoming										x	x												6
ΒΜ	Arizona						x				x				x									8
ΒΝ	Pennsylvania State				x						x	x	x		x			x						10
ΒΞ	Utah	x									x	x	x											4
ΒΞ	Utah State										x													4
58	Total	30	10	24	25	24	32	14	10	38	45	31	31	26	42	34	41	32	13	38	21	17	32	668

Fraternity Leaders

LEADERSHIP is a quality which makes itself felt inevitably. It cannot be separated entirely from personality, yet unlike personality it is ever a compelling force. To select all those of the fraternity who have displayed this quality is a task to challenge any individual. Any attempt to do justice to the hundreds of Alpha Chi Omegas who have made themselves leaders in civic affairs, the professional world, and the creative arts is foredoomed to failure, since adequate space to more than list their names is lacking, and a mere tabulation is valueless. Nor can any real agreement be reached as to who is entitled to a place in such a tabulation, since there is as much individual variation of opinion regarding who merits claim to fame as claim to beauty. Lists which have been compiled for the very purpose of inclusion in this volume have proved of little value, since frequently those sent in by active and alumnae groups in the same city have carried entirely different names and often conflicting information. No one will dispute the national distinction which has come to women such as Marion Nevins MacDowell, Maud Powell, or Dorothy Thompson Lewis; but the majority of women, unless they whole-heartedly embrace a career, find their greatest distinction in the creation of the homes which are the most important fundamental institution of the race. The time has long passed when a fraternity, to justify its existence or to emphasize its superiority has to point out its members who are outstanding in its community. With the growth of the Panhellenic ideal, the conception has become firmly fixed that all Greek-letter organizations have as their basic principle the development of fine womanhood, and all have contributed in equal proportion to the realization of that objective.

The field, then, is logically limited to those women who have been outstanding as leaders in carrying on the work of Alpha Chi Omega. This group consists primarily of the national officers, since it is their executive ability, their care of an enormous amount of detail, their standards and their vision which shape the development and determine the progress of the fraternity. They are not alone in this, for without the coöperation of their associated province and committee workers,

who every year become more numerous, their plans could not come to full maturity. Wherever possible throughout this volume, credit has been given to the individuals in this great army of lay workers and officers who have helped to make the original dream of fraternity a living thing. Here, only those who have been chosen to serve as National President can be considered. The fraternity has been fortunate in the women whom it has chosen as its leaders. From the undergraduates who strove to guide the infant organization to the experienced alumnæ of today, loyally and earnestly have they given of their time and their energy to carry on the tradition of unselfish service. Those who served in the early years faced the problems of all pioneer institutions—lack of funds, limited membership, absence of guiding precedent; those who came later had to cope with the ever increasing difficulties created by a far flung personnel, funds which called for wise administration, and an ever lengthening roll of active and alumnæ groups.

For the first six years of Alpha Chi Omega's life, the chapter presidents of Alpha or Beta served as officers for the infant fraternity. At the first convention in 1891, national officers were elected by the fraternity as a unit. In the ensuing forty-four years thirteen women have held the executive position, the tendency having been to retain for more than



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one term the leaders whose efficiency and whose vision were self evident. The work of all but one of these is herein summarized. Elizabeth Dunn Prins, Iota, is omitted, since she held office only from September, 1919, to March of the following year, when her husband's transfer to the East Indies forced her resignation. In that brief period there was no opportunity for outstanding accomplishment.

JANETTE ALLEN CUSHMAN

The convention of 1891 elected Janette Allen to serve as the first president actually to be chosen by the fraternity at large. She was the chief executive until 1893. It is strange today to think of the president of Alpha Chi Omega in terms of a young undergraduate, for that Miss Allen was, having been initiated by Beta only a year before her election. Conventions of the youthful organization did not attract alumnæ interest in those days, so this was a natural

consequence. Under Miss Allen's leadership the fraternity became a truly national organization. It planned its first song book and its periodical, and authorized extension into music conservatories as well as colleges. This legislation, which was later revoked, resulted in the establishment of Alpha Chi Omega's one chapter, Zeta, which is not in an academic institution.

Janette Allen Cushman organized the alumnæ chapter in Los Angeles in 1908. She served on the *Lyre* finance committee from 1919 to 1924, and since that time has worked with the committee on scholarships for children. Throughout the years she has remained active in her alumnæ group.

MARY STANFORD

Mary Stanford, Gamma, was elected to the presidency by the second convention in 1893. She served for only one year, since the next conclave was held in 1894. Like her predecessor, she was an undergraduate, having been initiated in 1890. Her term of office saw the publication of the song book which had previously been authorized, and the revision of several ceremonies as well as more definite provision for *The Lyre*. Membership card files were introduced for the first time, and the first steps taken toward stabilizing the fraternity's funds.



MARY STANFORD

CHARLOTTE WEBER SEIPLE

In 1894 the third national convention elected Charlotte Weber, Delta, president. Initiated two years earlier, she came into office with about as much background as the other two presidents, but with more to guide her since the treasurer with whom she had to work was serving her second term. This was the first attempt made to establish continuity in fraternity policy, and was the beginning of the very desirable custom of retaining in office at least a part of the executive group for more than one term. Two new chapters were added to the roll, Epsilon, and Zeta. For the first time topics for convention discussion were sent in advance to the individual chapters, thus making for more intelligent and coherent legislation. The first issue of *The Lyre* made its appearance soon after Miss Weber's election, and at the following convention provision was made for its support.

MARY JANET WILSON



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The first alumna to hold office as the fraternity's president was Mary Janet Wilson, Alpha. She was initiated in 1887, and was elected by the fourth convention nine years later. She served until December, 1898, two terms in all. Under her leadership the fraternity reversed its decision in regard to entering conservatories and henceforth kept to its original policy of extending into colleges only. The first steps were taken towards standardizing the badge, and the first official jewelers were appointed. Constructive measures for the financial and literary welfare of *The Lyre* were adopted. Most noteworthy, however, was the change made in fraternity government. The Grand Council was created, strengthening the fraternity by consolidating its executive personnel into one administrative organ, uninfluenced by chapter affiliation or prejudice.

RAEBURN COWGER OBENCHAIN

The first Grand President who headed the newly formed Council was another undergraduate, Raeburn Cowger. Initiated by Alpha in 1897, she was elected by the convention which met in December, 1898, and reelected two years later just after her graduation. Her immediate task was to work out the duties and functions devolving upon the Council. In her two terms fraternity finances were reorganized, so that the expenses of the national officers to conventions were drawn from the general funds. *The Lyre* was voted definite support at the same time. Annual reports from each chapter to the Council were required, and the initial steps were taken in gathering the scattered records of the organization by the newly created historian. Legislation was passed providing for annual meetings of the Council members.

RAEBURN COWGER
OBENCHAIN

Mrs. Obenchain has been active in alumnæ groups in various parts of the country, after an interval of comparative isolation when her home was in the Southwest, before Alpha Chi Omega's extension there.

KATE CALKINS DRAKE

A young alumna of Beta, Kate Calkins, was elected president by the 1902 convention. She received her degree in music two years after her initiation in 1898, and her B.S. in 1901. She was reelected, serving until the convention which was held late in 1906. Under her leadership the first Council meetings were held, and Alpha Chi Omega's place in the Greek world was clarified. Prior to this period the fraternity had been listed erroneously under the professional group in Baird's *American College Fraternities*, which had led to an ever growing misconception. It was during this period that Alpha Chi Omega joined other women's organizations in forming the Intersorority Conference. An important change in internal organization was made by the addition of an Inspector to the Council.



KATE CALKINS DRAKE

In spite of the fact that much of Mrs. Drake's life has been spent in far corners of the globe, she has retained frequent contact with the fraternity, attending eight national conventions. She was the last undergraduate ever to hold a national office.

ALTA ALLEN LOUD

Outstanding among the fraternity's leaders was Alta Allen Loud. Initiated by Beta in 1894, she served as her chapter's delegate to the fifth convention three years later and was there elected secretary, holding that position until 1900. In 1906 she became Grand President, at a period when the fraternity was outgrowing its infancy, and feeling the need of strong executive ability to direct its expansion and mold its policies. Mrs. Loud adequately filled these requirements, and much more. For eleven years she guided the destiny of the fraternity, serving from January, 1907 until 1910, and again from 1912 until 1919 as its

chief executive. Her leadership brought to a focal point the latent strength of the organization. Constant progress was the keynote of her régime. Her first Council meeting authorized the publication of the initial fraternity directory, made advisers a requirement in all chapters, and set about designing a coat-of-arms. Soon after a history of the fraternity was planned.

At the convention of 1908 much attention was given to improving the mechanics of the fraternity, and its finances. In 1910 the ritual was rewritten, and new regalia designed; a new coat-of-arms was adopted, as well as a flag and a new motto. The project of building a studio at the MacDowell Colony was also undertaken.



ALTA ALLEN LOUD

After a lapse of two years, Mrs. Loud was again called to the chair. She assumed the chairmanship of the reserve fund at the same time, and held this position until 1930. After her death three years later, the fund was given her name in sincere and loving tribute. Mrs. Loud enthusiastically undertook to develop the province system, which, together with the reserve fund, had been started in the interim between her terms of office. These two innovations proved of inestimable worth to the fraternity. During the second period of her administration, Mrs. Loud guided the fraternity through the trying times of the war. New publications, higher standards of business and of scholarship, a closer knit alumnæ body, provision for a

loan fund, the *Lyre* reserve, the Central Office, and patriotic altruistic work were all distinctive features of her régime, and stand as permanent records of her executive skill. But in all it was the spirit of Mrs. Loud which was the greatest contribution to the fraternity. To those who did not know her as well as to those with whom she came in direct contact, her spirit of true service, of steadfast and abiding faith in life's eternal values was ever manifest. She truly lived the ideals of her fraternity.

EVANGELINE BRIDGE STEVENSON

In the interim between Mrs. Loud's two terms as National President, Evangeline Bridge of Zeta chapter held the chief executive office. She was initiated in 1906 having graduated the previous year from the New England Conservatory. Concert tours took her all over the country, and she most ably carried her fraternity work along with a brilliant musical career. Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishments under her leadership were the creation of the province system of government, and the reserve fund. A secret journal, the *Heræum*, was published for the first time, today constituting the fraternity's most valuable record of its



EVANGELINE BRIDGE STEVENSON

legislative action. The history which had been begun several years earlier was published, and Star Studio was completed. In all, her term of office witnessed a continuation of the same progressive policy which Mrs. Loud had begun, and is evidence of the executive capabilities which lie beneath the self effacing modest character which is one of Mrs. Stevenson's chief charms. Since the time when she retired from national service, Mrs. Stevenson has been one of Zeta Zeta's most loyal supporters. She has given the same constructive thought to her alumnae work as she did to her office, and shares her talent most generously with her chapter and her community. Her never failing sense of humor is perhaps the trait which endears her most to her associates.

GLADYS LIVINGSTON GRAFF

The 1919 convention elected Elizabeth Dunn Prins, Iota, as National President. Her resignation early the following year left the office to be filled by Council appointment. Gladys Livingston Graff, Zeta, was chosen. She came to the office with more fraternity background than any previous officer, for she had done national work since 1910, three years after her initiation. At that time she was alum-

næ editor of *The Lyre*, holding that post until 1915 when she became a member of the *History* board. The following year she took over the



GLADYS LIVINGSTON
GRAFF

chairmanship of the committee carrying on the fraternity's war time philanthropy, and became Atlantic Province President in 1918. She was further fitted for the Council position by a wide knowledge of human nature gained from extensive travel, and a keen sense of humor. She was elected to continue her term by the 1922 convention, and served until 1924. In her régime the Central Office which had been planned in 1919 became a reality, and began its development which has since proved to be such a vital factor in the efficient administration of the fraternity's mechanics. A new form of altruism, scholarships for children, was undertaken. Province conventions were held for the first time, thereby inaugurating a valuable means of contact for the active chapters. The fraternity's finances were strengthened by the adoption of alumnæ notes, by the increased per capita tax and *Lyre* subscription, and by the establishment of the Honor Roll. Mrs. Graff and her Council were responsible for the very rapid expansion of the fraternity. The chapter roll was increased by sixteen chapters in this four-year period, more than have ever been added in so brief a time. This rapid increase in membership brought about a corresponding increase in administrative problems. A Delegate was added to the Council to help care for this changing situation, and the work of the Central Office was expanded greatly.

After the close of her second term, Mrs. Graff took over the chairmanship of the MacDowell Studio committee, and again accepted the appointment as Atlantic Province President, holding this office for four years. Mrs. Graff is a strikingly regal personage, whose sparkling wit is ever in evidence. Working with her is an unforgettable experience. Her sound common sense acts as a stabilizing force in difficult situations, and her sense of humor makes light the most weighty problems.

BEATRICE HERRON BROWN

Like Mrs. Graff, Beatrice Herron Brown was far from untried when she was called to the presidency of the fraternity by the 1924 convention. Alpha chapter initiated her in 1914, and elected her its president two years later. At the same time she became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She served as Atlantic Province President from 1920 to 1921, when she became Council Delegate, an officer who was at that time not a Council member, but a traveling deputy. In 1922 she was elected National Inspector, and National President two years later. When the office of Panhellenic Delegate was left vacant by the resignation of Nella Ramsdell Fall in 1925, Mrs.



BEATRICE HERRON BROWN

Brown added this work to her already heavy duties, and has served in this capacity ever since. Under her leadership the province system was intensively developed, and a new alumnæ program adopted which greatly increased alumnæ enthusiasm and support of fraternity projects. One of the chief objectives of Mrs. Brown's régime was to make every alumna an actively participating member of Alpha Chi Omega. Further centralization of the business of the fraternity was brought about by including the publication of the directory, the care of extension work and the collection of alumnæ notes in the functions of the Central Office, thus leaving the Council free for constructive rather than routine work. Expansion continued rapidly. During the four years of Mrs. Brown's incumbency seven chapters were added to the roll. By 1928, she and her Council realized that the chapter roll had almost been doubled in the past eight years without adequate provision being made for inspection and general supervision. Therefore it was decided to place the work of visiting in the hands of a full time travelling officer.

With an intellect far above average, a clarity of vision which enables

her to disregard personalities, Mrs. Brown has brought to her work as Panhellenic Delegate the same fine executive quality which was ever manifest in her leadership of the fraternity. She is outstanding among the fine women who comprise the National Panhellenic Congress, where she is revered and respected as she is in Alpha Chi Omega.

ETHEL MEAD VAN AUKEN



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In 1912, Lambda initiated Ethel Mead, who served her chapter as corresponding secretary and treasurer. Active in college affairs, she was outstanding in dramatics and speech, being honored by election to Zeta Phi Eta. This training was later to prove invaluable in her fraternity work. Soon after her graduation she became alumnæ secretary for her chapter, continuing this task along with her other multiple duties until 1931. Her national work began when she was appointed Atlantic Province President in 1921, serving in this capacity for three years. She most capably managed the convention at Swampscott, and was there elected Council Delegate. In 1926 she became National

Inspector, continuing her close contact with the active chapters of the fraternity. Her efficient and tactful work in this field resulted in her election as National President in 1928. Thus she brought to her office more fraternity background and longer Council training than had any previous incumbent.

For seven years she guided the destiny of the fraternity, being re-elected in 1930 and receiving a vote of confidence in 1933, when the convention scheduled for that year was postponed. This period of Alpha Chi Omega's history was a trying one, weathering as it did the depression years. It was fortunate that there was an experienced hand at the helm as there had been during the war years. With keen insight

and real understanding which only experience can give, Mrs. Van Auken with her Council brought the fraternity through the economic crisis, keeping the funds intact, accomplishing the endowment which had been planned, giving more assistance to active chapters than ever before, and greatly increasing the organization of alumnæ. One of the most outstanding innovations of this period was the adoption of the plan of sending coörganizers and rushing assistants to chapters wherever it seemed necessary. In this way new chapters were given the benefit of help from officers or their deputies in building up membership and in meeting chapter problems. Seven charters were granted in the seven years of Mrs. Van Auken's presidency, a much more conservative expansion policy having been adopted than in the previous decade.

Experience was the hallmark of Mrs. Van Auken's régime. First hand knowledge of fraternity conditions was available to the entire Council, since all except the Editor shared in visiting chapters. Never lacking in sympathetic understanding, Mrs. Van Auken made her Council a close knit unit, alive to the personal problems of the members of the fraternity which the depression years multiplied and intensified. She has ever subordinated her own interests to those of the fraternity, and has never failed to respond to its demands upon her time and energy. Fair minded and just to a degree, she has always been willing to hear every side of a question before making a decision. Never has she permitted her decisions to falter because of adverse pressure brought by those seeking their own interests. This fundamental integrity of character, coupled with unquestioned executive ability, abiding faith in her fraternity, and a remarkable facility for remembering names and faces has made Mrs. Van Auken outstanding as a leader of Alpha Chi Omega.

MINERVA OSBORN DONALD

The Golden Jubilee convention elected Minerva Osborn Donald National President. In 1910 she was initiated by Pi chapter, serving as its president, and was active in alumnæ work after her graduation. From 1914 until 1923 she acted as Pi's alumna adviser, serving as chairman of the Ritual and Equipment Committee during much of this time. She represented Theta Theta at the Colorado Springs convention, and was local manager for the meeting of the Pacific Province held the following year. In 1926 she was appointed president of the Pacific Province for the second time, having previously held this office for a brief period.



MINERVA OSBORN
DONALD

her clear cut philosophy of living which has ever been reflected in her fraternity decisions.

The Del Monte convention terminated her service in this capacity, electing her National Vice-President. Her work with the fraternity's alumnae has been characterized by exceptional organizing ability which has resulted in greatly increased interest and a more closely knit body of older workers. She contributed many constructive and progressive ideas to Mrs. Auken's Council, and her familiarity with the administration of Alpha Chi Omega has ably fitted her to take over the chief executive position. The fraternity looks forward to her leadership as it begins the second half century of its existence, trusting in her sound judgment and respecting

The Golden Jubilee

FIFTY years of building, of painstaking effort along the path first indicated by seven earnest girls in 1885 found its culmination in the Golden Jubilee convention of Alpha Chi Omega. Many were its unique features, and many were its points of interest. Five years



of planning went toward its success, and more members of the fraternity shared both in its preparation and in its enjoyment than had ever before participated in any national event.

Perhaps the most unique departure from the accustomed order of former conventions was the extensive travel which this one included. Three rather widely separated spots formed the scene of daily activities which began in Greencastle, Indiana, continued in White Sulphur Springs and ended in Washington. Many were the predictions of failure and the doubts which arose in the minds of those who had nothing to do with the arrangements as to the feasibility of transporting such a

large group from place to place. Nothing but praise could be heard however, at the close of the six days for the most efficient management which was directed by Maud Marks McLane, Iota, in charge of transportation, and Esther Barney Wilson, Beta, convention chairman. Luggage found its way almost miraculously into the proper compartments of the special trains and waited in hotel rooms to greet its owners on their arrival. Coupon books covering all hotel and sightseeing

expense were procured with no confusion and in the minimum of time. No detail was too small, nothing too much trouble to receive the immediate attention of Mrs. McLane and Mrs. Wilson.

A special train brought delegates and visitors from Chicago to Greencastle where they arrived early in the morning on June 26 to be met by all of Alpha chapter and alumnae from the whole of Indiana. The Chamber of Commerce furnished cars which took the entire group around the campus of Alpha Chi Omega's birthplace, De Pauw University, and finally left them at Alpha's home for a brief visit. Upon the arrival of the National Council and Province officers who had been holding their annual



ESTHER BARNEY WILSON

meeting at White Sulphur Springs, the entire group went to the chapel in Meharry Hall where the fraternity made its first public appearance fifty years ago. Motion pictures of the Founders, officers, and delegates were made as they entered the hall, that the fraternity might have a permanent record for the future. The assembly was first greeted by Beatrice Herron Brown, Alpha, past National President, who had charge of the program for this Homecoming Day. The crowded auditorium was made to resound with the *Toast to DePauw* written by a member of the Mother chapter, Vivien Bard, who played the accompaniment. Mrs. Brown then introduced Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, President of the University, who welcomed the fraternity to its birthplace.

Ethel Mead Van Auken, Lambda, National President of Alpha Chi Omega, responded, saying in part: "We have come back to honor De-Pauw and the seven who gave us fraternity. . . . After fifty years of service to young womanhood, we have come back to bring to our Founders our proud record of achievement."

The fraternity was honored by having as its guest at this morning meeting Bettie Locke Hamilton, the only living founder of Kappa Alpha Theta, who spoke of the origin of her own fraternity, and of Alpha Chi Omega's early days. Susie Kelly Faye of Kappa Kappa Gamma added her reminiscences of the seven Founders, whose friend she had been in their undergraduate days. The tale of his share in the founding of Alpha Chi Omega was told by a member of Beta Theta Pi, the Reverend James Campbell.

Then for the convention came the high point of the meeting. All rose and stood in silence for a moment to pay tribute to the four who were present and the three who had gone on, who had made fraternity membership possible for all assembled there. The Founders in turn then shared some of their memories with their younger sisters. Olive Burnett Clark revealed their plans for the yet unborn fraternity; Nellie Gamble Childe spoke of pledging seven girls who joined the Founders the day before the fraternity made its first public appearance. The story of that red-letter day came from Estelle Leonard, first president of the new organization; and Bertha Deniston Cunningham, in whose possession is the only original badge in existence, told of its designing. Alpha Chi Omega's first pledge, Rose Meredith Turley was also present to tell of her initiation.

From the active members of Alpha, represented by Elaine Estrich, came a beautiful welcome just before the meeting closed by singing Vivien Bard's *Toast to Alpha Chi Omega*.

The convention then went to the gymnasium for luncheon, arranged by the alumnæ of Greencastle, and examined the archives which Hannah Keenan, Alpha, their Keeper, had placed on display. All were interested in seeing the early minute books, pictures, badges, and petitions which are a part of the permanent possessions of the fraternity. A convention picture was taken on the campus before the seven hundred delegates and visitors walked over to Alpha's house to witness the dedication of a memorial tablet to the Founders. Mrs. Van Auken made the following address, while Mary Ann Clark and Caroline Cunningham, granddaughters of two of the Founders, unveiled the tablet, which is set in the wall of Alpha's house.



Greetings!—

Today as we gather to honor our Founders we bring to them a record of the accomplishments of the fifty years since they sent us forth. We have come as a happy family to celebrate a joyous occasion. We pause, look back, and view our fifty years of noble history; we look forward with strengthened belief in the permanent value of Alpha Chi Omega.

Today, in dedicating this tablet to you, our Founders, we ask that you let us re-dedicate ourselves to the same ideals, to the same beauty of purpose for which Alpha Chi Omega was founded.

"This tablet marks the site where the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity was founded October 15, 1885.

"Dedicated to the Founders of the Fraternity, June 26, 1935."

After this dedication, again the crowd met in Meharry Hall to watch Alpha conduct a model ritual, at which twenty-seven pledges from sixteen chapters were initiated. Immediately following, Beatrice Herron Brown assisted by several active girls gave the beautiful Memorial Service which honored all those who had passed away since the last convention. Carrying away the ever recurring beauty of the fraternity's ritualistic symbolism, the convention then entrained for White Sulphur Springs, grateful to Margaret Harvey Clark, Alpha, the general chairman and all her assistants who had made Homecoming Day so happy for all.

On the train not a minute was lost in getting acquainted, the process being greatly facilitated by the personnel booklets which Mrs. McLane provided, giving the name, chapter and space occupied of each



GREENBRIER HOTEL

member. According to custom much time was spent in the lounge car singing and exchanging new songs.

At seven the next morning the convention arrived in White Sulphur Springs. By eleven o'clock when the first session was held every member had registered, secured her identification badge of scarlet and olive ribbon, purchased her coupon book, breakfasted, unpacked, and generally settled herself in the luxurious Greenbrier Hotel which was to be home for the next three days. Without delay and with no confusion all this had been accomplished by means of Mrs. Wilson's efficient management.

The opening business session was presided over by Ethel Mead Van Auken, National President. Roll call showed delegates present from all fifty-eight active chapters and from thirty-eight alumnae chapters, Tau Tau being absent. After the formal opening ceremony De Ette Jones Mitchell, Beta Delta, President of the Southern Province welcomed the convention for her hostess chapter, and Thelma Ritter Wemyss-Smith, Psi, National Counsellor, gave the response for the fraternity. Mrs. Van Auken then introduced the Founders and the five past national presidents in attendance, Raeburn Cowger Obenchain, Kate Calkins Drake, Evangaline Bridge Stevenson, Gladys Liv-

THELMA RITTER
WEMYSS-SMITH

ingston Graff, and Beatrice Herron Brown. The convention officials were then introduced; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McLane, Addie Weltch Crosby, Tau, the social chairman, Hannah Keenan, Alpha, in charge of registration and credentials, and Beulah McGorvin, Alpha Epsilon, the song leader. With the National Vice-President, Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, in the chair, Mrs. Van Auken then gave the report of the National President. No more effective way can be chosen to give the picture of fraternity progress which the Golden Jubilee convention celebrated than to quote this report in full.

"A glorious band, the chosen few, on whom the spirit came" . . . These words,



ETHEL MEAD VAN
AUKEN

taken from the hymn, aptly apply to our Founders. Today as we stand at the threshold of fifty years of Alpha Chi Omega, we are met to honor the seven who gave us fraternity. Fifty years ago they sowed the seed, nurtured and cared for it, and today we bring to them the flower of young womanhood from all points of the compass. The only lasting tribute to the vision, courage and loyalty of our Founders must be a rededication to the ideals which they set forth, ideals from which the fraternity has not deviated.

Fifty years ago our beloved seven started out on what was doubtless a daring adventure. The trials, the problems, the joys of the half-century have tested the strength of their purpose, the truth of their faith, the power of the Bond which is Alpha Chi Omega. In unbroken succession the years bear testimony to their courage and their foresight. Our yesterdays spread before us a splendid record of problems well-met, handicaps overcome, success on every side. The fifty years are a romance of friendships, a saga of comradeships, a half-century of achievement.

"We have come now to a time of jubilee,
Let there be gladness that we have achieved this span.
We who have had our dreams, stand transpired,
Now that the dream is true."

As we enter on these five days together, let us catch the true spirit of what "in convention assembled" may mean to us. Let us approach the days with open minds and hearts; let us bring to the sessions keen thinking, understanding, sympathetic perception in order that the future of Alpha Chi Omega may be as glorious as her past. Let us put enthusiasm and happiness in our playtime; let us cement our friendships; let us so build at this dawn of a second half-century that those who follow may say we have built well indeed. "So enter that daily thou mayest grow in knowledge, wisdom and love" and when these convention days are over "So depart that daily thou mayest better serve thy fellowmen, thy country and thy God."

Fraternities everywhere are being challenged to justify their existence. Since we so firmly believe in fraternity and the qualities for which it stands; since we believe in fundamental ideals and have found them applicable to daily needs, we accept the challenge. We recognize our weaknesses, our imperfections—they do not impede our progress, rather they are urges to greater perfection. It has been well said that by merely wiping out institutions you do not reform the individuals which make up the systems. Whenever groups of men or women gather together, groups are bound to form. Banishing fraternities from our campuses will not alter this. Groups formed about high ideals and with national unity and supervision contribute more to their members and the university in which they exist than any group springing up without planned ideals or guidance. Any fault which exists in fraternity life will exist in these other groupings in a more pronounced form. Let us meet the outside challenge with heads up, with knowledge of our worth to the college and to the individual. *Let us not talk about our beautiful ideals, let us live them!* They are as vital and as essential today as they were fifty years ago.

We have but recently listened to the lines of our ritual. The principles and standards there given form are the sum total and only reason for our existence. The ritual is the core of fraternity, it is not for the present only. It is a guide to a way of life. If we but follow its spirit in our relations with one another we shall achieve the end which our Founders saw in the beginning. It is the time of greatest impression to the novitiate; it marks her introduction to fraternity life. Given with beauty and sincerity of purpose, with thoughtful interpretation, it cannot help but be a powerful factor in the lives of our members. Let us in the future give ritual the paramount and important place it deserves in chapter life.

This time of meeting together would not be complete if we did not review the accomplishments of the five years since we have met in convention. They have been five years of unusual happenings in world affairs; they have been five years of unusual accomplishment for Alpha Chi Omega. With the material world tottering, Alpha Chi Omega has endeavored to hew to a policy of close contact with her own. We have strengthened our internal organization; we have tried to build in our chapter houses the beauty of healthy, happy, harmonious living; we have not permitted the joy of fraternity to be overshadowed by routine.

Our alumnae organization as it stands today is one of great strength. We number thirty-nine alumnae chapters and fifty-three alumnae clubs. The strength and power of so vast a group of alumnae is unlimited. Alumnae are our field workers, the future strength of the fraternity depends on them. Our active chapters are an everchanging personnel; they are in preparation for taking their places in the world. Alumnae are already fitted for service. The only way in which an alumna differs from an active is in the knowledge of the needs and possibilities of the fraternity and in a feeling of personal gratitude for the privilege that has been hers.

The group of active chapters numbers fifty-eight. How proud we are of them. They have grown consistently in the past five years. To our fraternity but five new chapters have been added, and they only after serious consideration. Extension has been put in the background in these years since last we met. We have placed greatest importance on developing and perfecting the groups that are already ours, rather than adding to our chapter roll. We are not averse to new fields if they are worthy, but we are more interested in the fine upbringing of our present family.

To this end we have sent coörganizers, girls of proved worth in their own chap-

ters, to chapters which have needed the spur and strength which outside influence could bring. This has been a successful venture and continuance of the plan is recommended.

Chapters have been visited by Councillors and Province Presidents alike. Each chapter of the fraternity has had the opportunity of an annual contact. Inspections have been friendly, advisory consultations. They have been for constructive helpfulness. Inspections are preventive measures; they are for linking up the national and local fields.

The rushing policy of Alpha Chi Omega remains as always: one of absolute fairness and strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the rules. By no other method could we hope to succeed. During the interim of conventions we have sent to many of our chapters rushing assistance. It has been found that fewer girls have been able, financially, to accept fraternity invitations, therefore competition has been keener. With depleted numbers in many chapters, due to the economic strain of our times, it has been found necessary to send outside help, for often the personnel of a chapter has been made up of girls who had never experienced an actual rushing season. Assistance has been sent chapters when the need was great, when after studying the situation, in both chapter and college, it seemed the wise and urgent thing to do.

Our Mothers Clubs have grown in number and are a splendid background for our active chapters. They give mature and sympathetic stamina to our young girls, and what is more, the mothers thoroughly enjoy knowing and working with each other. To those active chapters which do not know the pleasure such an organization can bring both to the mothers and to the girls, the idea is commended.

We are now nine Provinces strong. In the years since we have met as a national organization, the provinces have held province meetings on two different occasions. The enthusiasm and informality and friendliness of these group meetings has been far-reaching in effect and interest. To the nine Province Presidents with whom it has been a high privilege to work in close contact, the National President expresses her deep and sincere thanks and affection. Without their splendid influence, their hours of desk labor, their devotion to the girls they know intimately, we could not hope to find our chapters in the good condition of today.

Many questions have been raised about the lasting values of a college education. College girls are frequently asked why they are in college. Aside from the sociability of it, the preparation to earn a living, both of which are important in themselves, there should be an underlying, deep-seated reason for it all: a real desire for intellectual attainment. Not all of us are scholars in the true sense of the word, but we can all be students. We can all study ourselves and our abilities until we know what we want to do. Knowing this, let us add hard work, confidence in the ultimate end of our desires, and persistency. Let us remember that "Wisdom consists in knowing what to do. Skill consists in knowing how to do it. Virtue consists in doing it." In other words, let us make good scholarship a prime motive for being in college. The charts prepared by our Scholarship Chairman show clearly where we stand, they show that either the effort has not been sufficient or the interest in good scholarship not deep enough. As we turn our faces to the future, let us determine to give intellectual pursuits places of first importance in our fraternity.

Our active girls have won high places for themselves on their campuses. They

have entered the activities of their universities and colleges with fine spirit and with zest. We are increasingly proud of the honor positions which are held by them everywhere. Our girls are leaders, their abilities are recognized by their college-mates. The activities in which they work and play are most broadening influences, they develop leadership, bring out initiative, teach good sportsmanship. Alpha Chi Omegas rank high in college activities throughout the land.

The Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship will be awarded for the third time at this convention. This is our fraternity contribution to advanced education, our memorial to one whose memory we revere.

In honor of our beloved Alta Allen Loud and Estelle McFarlane Dunkle the two funds with which they worked for so many years have been renamed for them. Our splendid Reserve Fund could bear no more honored nor more meaningful name than the Alta Allen Loud National Endowment Fund. It was our Mrs. Loud's hope that at the Jubilee convention the Fund might reach the \$100,000 mark. It has surpassed her hope for it. It was her desire that the Fund, after 1935, become a national endowment fund. Let us make it so.

The Loan Fund, dear to the heart of Mrs. Dunkle, dearer still to the girls whom it helped, becomes the Estelle McFarlane Dunkle Loan Fund. No other memorial would have meant so much to her.

We have let go many hands since our last convention. Our dear Anna Allen Smith has slipped into the great beyond. "Thus do we walk with her and keep unbroken the Bond which nature gives. Thinking that our remembrance, though unspoken, May reach her where she is." For our three Founders who have gone on across the mystic borderland, "the end is but the beginning." Today we honor them, we are thankful for their influence, for the beauty of their lives.

You will listen with interest to the reports of our committee chairmen. They will tell us what has been accomplished in our various departments of work. To all of these chairmen, who so often work at home, alone, without the inspiration of contacts, who achieve such fine results, we express our sincere appreciation.

The philanthropy of the fraternity is vested in the Scholarships for Children Committee. We have continued to help underprivileged children, boys and girls of recommended worthiness and ability; we have helped, also, some of our own number whose needs have been great. This phase of our work and its financing need the serious consideration of the convention body. It is our desire to help those less fortunate than ourselves, it is our wish to assist those out of our own circle. The best way to do this and the means must be found.

Our Star Studio at the MacDowell Colony in Peterboro, New Hampshire, continues to be a work of great interest to the members of our fraternity. The fact that we are able to help in this unusual field of artistic endeavor is a great satisfaction, the fact that our work makes glad one of our own dear members, Mrs. MacDowell, brings joy to our hearts. In a very recent letter from her, she said, "I never forget how Alpha Chi Omega was the first group, from a public standpoint, to recognize the value of what we are doing." Later during the convention week she, herself, will tell us of the work of the colony and of our own Star Studio.

This report would not be complete if it failed to mention our *Lyre*, that superior publication of our very own, the magazine which is the delight of the actives, a

heart-warming informant for our alumnæ, a quarterly which is read and admired and held in high esteem in fraternity circles everywhere. This year the issues of our *Lyre* have gone to every member of our fraternity, a gift in honor of the Golden Jubilee. Our hope is that every non-subscriber has become so imbued with the spirit of Alpha Chi Omega as to be unable to get along without *The Lyre* in the future.

The finances of the fraternity are in excellent condition. All funds show a healthy growth. The business and general routine of the fraternity is carried on with dispatch in our Central Office. Our officers have given their best in devotion and in effort to Alpha Chi Omega.

And so we come to the close of our first fifty years . . . "A Golden Half-Century" it has been called. We look back at fifty years of service to young womanhood, fifty years of character building and call the years good. No lapse of years ever marks the completion of a task. A worthy goal is an advancing goal. As we celebrate the conclusion of a half-century of our beloved fraternity, we bow in honor to the past, then turn and face the future with courage and devotion and with vigor.

"Not of today or yesterday is this, but lives forever."

The business of the convention—reports, discussions on assigned topics in which every delegate participated, constitutional amendments—all these occupied to the full the sessions which were held twice daily except Sunday. The accomplishments are summarized in the chapter dealing with national legislation. It can be noted here, however, that the sessions were characterized by far greater efficiency than ever before. All routine statistical reports were presented to the convention body in mimeographed form, bound in a convenient folder. This placed complete details in the hands of every voting member and saved many hours of valuable time.

All social events were directed by Mrs. Crosby, who most certainly fulfilled the ideal of the perfect Southern hostess. No detail was lacking which could add to the pleasure of the convention. According to custom, the President's dinner was held the first evening at the Greenbrier. To her table the National President by tradition invites all those members of the fraternity whom she wishes to honor. Decorated with gardenias which glowed in the soft candlelight, the table was made even more attractive by the favors which were tooled leather memorandum pads, bearing the Lyre Bird on the cover. A reception for the Founders followed in the moss hung and flower decorated ballroom, where each convention-goer was able to meet and personally talk with the four women to whom the fraternity owes its existence. From the reception, the group went to the auditorium to hear Lois Gregg Secor, Tau, who is dean of Brenau's School of Speech and an

officer of Zeta Phi Eta, give a poetry recital. Miss Secor's readings were deeply sympathetic, and her selections from the modern poets were a source of keen enjoyment to every poetry lover.

The following morning, June 28, began with two group breakfasts, one with Verna Hyder Boyles, Xi, as hostess to members of Mortar Board, and the other for members of Phi Beta Kappa with Mrs. Brown as hostess. After the morning session a walking trip was taken about the beautiful grounds of the Greenbrier. In the afternoon Beulah McGorvin gave a delightful concert, accompanied by Alice Walker, Zeta. Miss McGorvin's rich mezzo-soprano made her audience regret that time was limited and that her program could not be lengthened.

The Olympian dinner, another traditional convention function was held that evening, with more than half of those who had attended four conventions, prerequisite to membership in the Olympian group, present. Forty-four were seated at the U shaped table, decorated with flowers and antique silver candelabra. Eighteen chapters were represented. The favors were hand painted maps, made by Ruth Dyrud, Kappa, representing the welcome of the Southern Province to the convention. Following dinner, Olympians as well as the other members of the gathering disappeared for a time, to be seen a bit later in costume of another day. The walls of the historic Greenbrier looked down benignly upon ladies of half a century ago, whose silks rustled down the corridors as the members of the fraternity gathered for the 1885 costume party. In the auditorium, five members of Alpha Chi chapter opened the program with DePauw Glee Club songs of 1885. A fashion show followed which Mrs. Crosby had arranged, showing the trousseau of a bride. The model which attracted most interested attention and comment was the daring bathing suit of the period. Members of the hostess chapter then presented a wedding of fifty years ago, and the graceful dances which were a part of every formal gathering. Nor were the costumes worn by the actors and dancers the only interesting ones. Mrs. Crosby called many members of the audience to the stage to display dresses which had been worn by their grandmothers—wedding gowns, street costumes, party dresses, and riding habits. Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Clark wore replicas of dresses they had had in college. Dresses that had graced receptions for the governors of the several states, the gown of the wife of a President of the United States, and an



FOUNDERS WITH FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY CAKE

Left to right: Bertha Deniston Cunningham, Estelle Leonard, Nelle Gamble Childe, Olive Burnett Clark.

old Mormon pioneer costume were others of this interesting group.

During a brief intermission, the audience adjourned to the hall, where the Founders cut and served Alpha Chi Omega's fiftieth birthday cake. When all had returned to the auditorium, Elizabeth Rhodes Dalglish, Alpha Epsilon, presented the Founders in turn. Each told her story of the fraternity's origin, bringing a new point of view to her listeners as she unfolded her packet of memories that the fraternity might share them. Their voices were recorded although the four were not aware of it, thinking that the microphone into which they spoke was part of an amplifying system. The fraternity has now in its archives four records, each one telling the story of the founding, so that future generations of Alpha Chi Omegas may hear it again, just as it came from the lips of the Founders at this fiftieth anniversary convention.

The finale of the evening was a brief pageant, written by Mrs. Dalglish and Marjorie Whiteley Parmelee, Beta Nu. The curtain rose to reveal a room in the old Music Hall on the De Pauw campus with the seven Founders in 1885 costume conducting the business of

organizing the infant fraternity. As they discussed their problems the lights dimmed from time to time while a girl entered representing each decade of Alpha Chi Omega's history. Each of these interludes told of changes in development, the outgrowth of the early hopes and plans. Typical costumes of the five decades emphasized the changes which had taken place. The pageant closed with the entire cast singing Olive Burnett Clark's "Memories," followed by a pledge for the future read from a scroll by the National President.

The last evening at the Greenbrier was devoted to chapter reunion dinners and the frolic, both traditional features of Alpha Chi Omega conventions. The dining room was gay with decorated tables as the members of the fraternity returned to their active chapter affiliations for the only time during this national gathering. Each delegate found at her place a plaster plaque of the convention medallion. To Xi chapter went the prize for the most attractive table. The frolic began before the close of the reunion, for the prize winning stunt, presented by Alpha Delta, was one in which the entire convention participated. On each table were found empty glasses of varied size and shape, some with stickers attached. Upon instruction, each girl filled her glass with water up to the sticker, or left it empty if that was indicated. Tiny wooden mallets were distributed and sheets of songs of which there were seven versions, differing in underlining, or type of printing. Each table followed directions, and struck the glasses with the mallets as the songs were sung. The glasses had been tuned to a complete scale, and the harmony of the *Crystal Orchestra* was indeed beautiful. Everyone was loath to stop singing and playing upon these unique instruments, but finally were persuaded to go to the auditorium for the rest of the program, consisting of ten skits. These ranged from *The Buggy Ride* presented by Beta Iota, which took second prize, through playlets and fairy tales to a musical invitation to hold the next convention in the Intermountain Province.

At the close of the frolic everyone boarded the special train for Washington, to wake next morning in the Capitol City. The Shoreham Hotel served as headquarters there. After the morning spent in getting settled and visiting church, the convention went by bus and car to Annapolis, where a pleasant hour was spent on the grounds of the Naval Academy. A swim in Chesapeake Bay proved a cooling and welcome diversion for many as the group stopped to rest and play at

the Annapolis Roads Club before returning to the hotel for the Panhellenic dinner.

On the terrace tables were arranged for the convention guests, national and province officers of other members of the Panhellenic Congress. The Washington alumnæ chapter, Alpha Epsilon Alpha, was hostess for this affair. Following dinner, all were delighted by an hour of music when Marion Nevins MacDowell, Zeta, played many of the lovely compositions which her husband Edward MacDowell gave to the world. Mrs. MacDowell made her program the more enjoyable by interpolated bits explaining the circumstances which led to each composition.

Next morning the convention had Mrs. MacDowell all to itself, and was stirred anew by the story of the struggle to make the Peterboro Colony the haven for struggling young artists which it has become in the last quarter century, through the will and the spirit of this indomitable frail woman. The fraternity is proud of its share in carrying on the work. Mrs. MacDowell said, "Had I been a sensible woman I would have given up the idea of the colony after two years; being a dreamer, I didn't—and the dream has become a reality."

After the morning session which was filled with important legislation and the election of officers for the ensuing biennium, the convention went for a tour of the city, and a visit to Mt. Vernon, and then returned to the hotel for the closing banquet. Always the outstanding event of every convention, this last banquet brought to the convention a fitting climax for the Golden Jubilee. Gold were the decorations of candles and place cards, gold were the leather cases which held the favors, dress clips in filigree, bearing the coat-of-arms, and gold was the theme of the toast program. A golden birthday cake stood behind the speakers' table. As always there was much singing, and great enthusiasm greeted the announcement of awards. Lou Babcock, Beta, chairman of the Mary Emma Griffith Marshall Memorial Fellowship, announced her committee's unanimous vote that the award should go to Marion Bodwell, Beta Iota. The *Lyre* prize for the best *Eklekta* article was given to Martha Lee Garrett, Beta Gamma, while the poetry prize went to Dorothy Simpson, Alpha Psi. Rho won the *Lyre* cup for the second consecutive year. An award for the best library plan was presented to Beta Mu. By popular acclaim, the Alta Allen Loud stunt cup was given to Alpha Delta for the *Crystal Orchestra*.

During dinner a screen was set up and the motion pictures which had been taken on Homecoming Day at Greencastle were shown. These have been placed in the fraternity's archives with the records made of the Founders' speeches, that Alpha Chi Omega may have a permanent memento of the fiftieth anniversary.

The toast program closed the banquet. As is customary, the National President, Mrs. Van Auken acted as toastmistress, introducing those who told the golden story. *The Seekers*, personified by Dorothy Ann Oakes, Alpha, were those seven Founders who had quarried for the gold. Evelyn Carlisle, representing the youngest chapter, Beta Xi, told of the fifty-eight chapters who had set their *Claim Stakes* by those of the first small group. *Refining the Gold* was the toast of Minerva Osborn Donald, Pi, National Vice-President and President-elect, who spoke of the constant coöperative effort needed to make fraternity life truly golden. Frances Marks Uncapher, Iota, President of the Central Province, summed up the golden idealism which works its potent *Alchemy* in the lives of every member of the fraternity. Her closing toast fittingly expressed the key thought of the whole convention. "To the idealism of the fraternity, whose ritual opens a wide door to the beauty which life can hold; to the idealism of the Founders, whose wisdom and foresight have made fraternity possible for us; to the idealism of the leaders, whose love and whose skill have made it into a masterpiece; to the ideals of the alumnae, whose loyalty has made it a living force; and to the ideals of our young girls, whose enthusiasm and welfare form our real reason for being." The final scheduled speaker on the program was Beatrice Herron Brown, who as *The Goldsmith* brought to the convention a realization of how the gold which is idealism hidden deep in the ritual, can be used again and again in daily life. In conclusion, Mrs. Brown introduced Olive Burnett Clark who gave the appreciation from all the Founders, of which a part follows:

Just as the towering oak remembers always the acorn from which it sprang, so now our fraternity honors whole-heartedly in this Golden Jubilee Convention the young planters of a half-century ago. We are grateful beyond power of expression for this loving and inspiring recognition that the fresh and vigorous ideals and comradeship of seven kindred spirits have not failed nor vanished nor grown less bright. You have made fifty years vanish as but a day. The dawn is but a little past; the sun is just beginning to shine in its full splendor. No clouds appear to mar the beauty of the long perfect day before us.

May you all in some mysterious way sense in your hearts the appreciation and love of those few who first of all began to build this stately mansion of our souls.
(Signed)

*Helle Gamble Childs
Bertha Hewston Cunningham
Estelle Leonard,
Olivia Burnett Clark*

In reverence and loving memory we sign for

BESSIE GROOMS KEENAN
ANNA ALLEN SMITH
AMY DU BOIS RIETH

Each of the Founders was then presented with the Distinguished Service Medal of the fraternity by Mrs. Van Auken. These were replicas of the original model, made of gold instead of bronze, a fitting tribute from Alpha Chi Omega to these four women on the golden anniversary.

So closed the Golden Jubilee, and so ended fifty years of progressive fraternity life. Alpha Chi Omega looks to the future, to the second half century span which shall carry on the traditions and the work of that just past. From the pageant which portrayed the first fifty years for the convention, the pledge to the future stands clear.

"The years stretch on ahead, to these we pledge
High hopes; integrity of thought and deed;
Truth, honor, and the torch passed on
Of knowledge, and of faith to those whose steps
Will follow in the way that we have trod.
With loyal hearts we offer up our lives
Together, to the service of mankind.
Thus shall our Alpha Chi Omega live."

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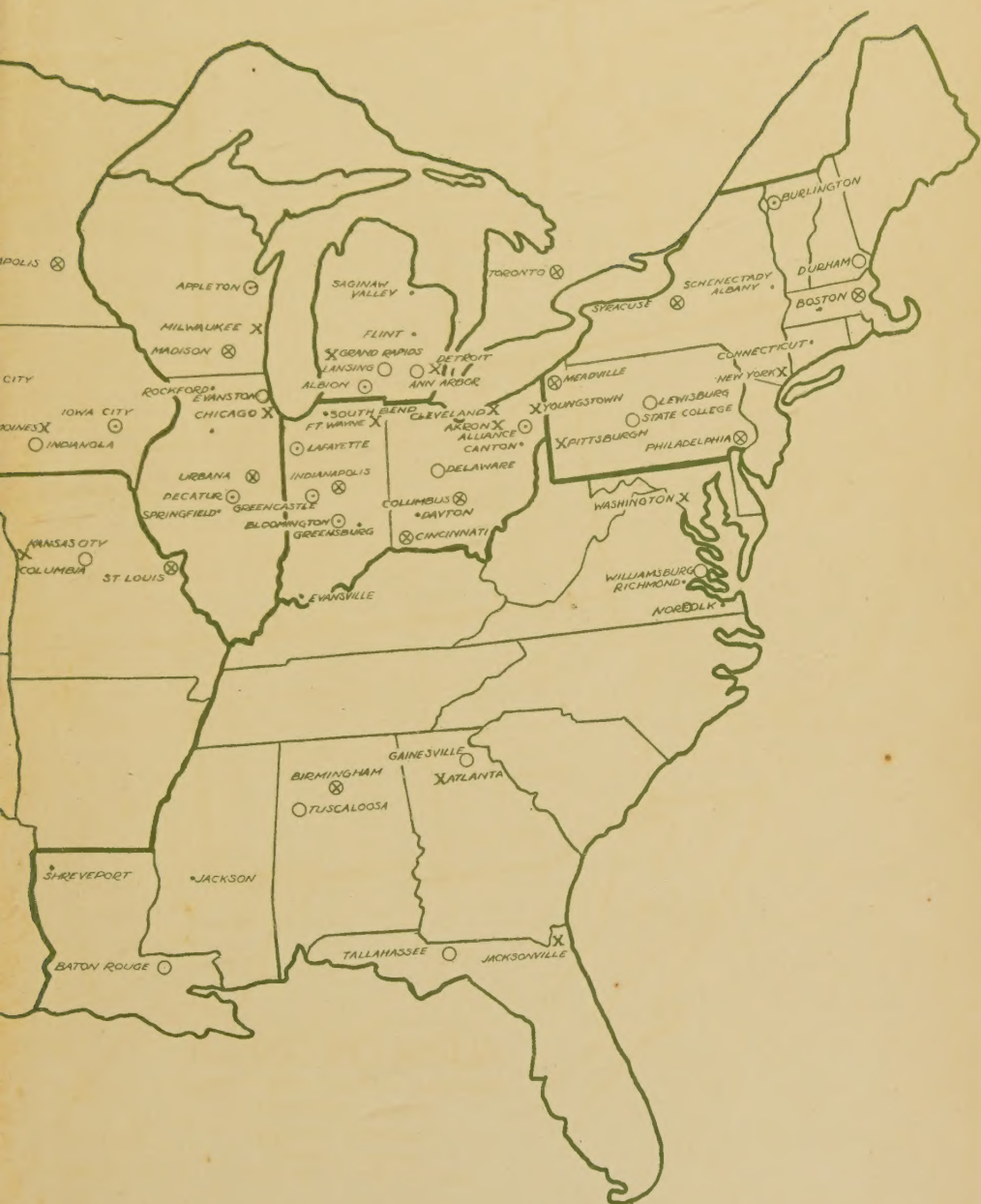
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